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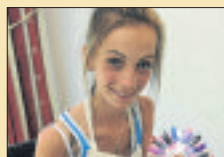
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## Building of estate will start in weeks

WORK on a multi-million pound development of 150 homes on the site of a Stourbridge business park will get under way within weeks.

Taylor Wimpey is due to start building on land at Sunrise Business Park in Wollaston.

The project, which was unanimously backed by Dudley Council's development control committee last month, is expected to take three and a half years.

Under the scheme 129 three and four bedroom houses will be built and 21 two-bedroom apartments in one three-storey block on the site off High Street.

There will also be 354 parking spaces around the site. The two halves of the development will be connected by a new bridge across the River Stour.

Taylor Wimpey regional sales and marketing director Elaine Taylor said: "We are delighted to have received reserved matters planning approval for our new Doulton Brook development in Wollaston, and we are looking forward to unveiling this high-quality collection of new homes to local purchasers very soon."

"We expect our temporary sales office to be up and running in early August with construction work starting later the same month."

## £18m project is under way

WORK has begun on a £18 million retirement village on the site of a former school in Cradley. Once completed, it will offer 120 apartments along with facilities including a restaurant, gym, library and shop.

The Midland Heart development being built on land where Cradley High School stood before it was demolished in 2010.

Officials from the developer along with cabinet member for adult and community services, Councillor Dave Branwood gathered to mark the start of work on the project.

# PARKING CHANGE TO HELP TRADERS

**A DECISION to create extra parking spaces for shoppers visiting Lye High Street under new council plans have been welcomed**

Existing 'loading only' bays will be converted into parking spots where people can leave their cars for up to 30 minutes.

Traders and councillors have called for the council to provide more parking for people visiting the shops.

The move was welcomed as a boost for the town with calls made for additional long-stay parking to bring in more trade for shops and restaurants.

Dudley Council's Cabinet member for transport Councillor Khurshid Ahmed said four new spaces would be created in the High Street.

He added: "The need for more shoppers' parking in Lye High Street has been identified by traders and ward councillors seeking to introduce more parking in terms of 'limited waiting' to facilitate a quick turnaround of spaces and to benefit customers visiting the shops."

### Benefit

"Accordingly, a scheme was developed for the existing 'loading only' parking bays to be reduced by half in length and converted to 30 minutes limited waiting between 7am to 7pm to be consistent with other limited waiting in the High Street and to allow more time for customers visiting shops to load and unload."

Chairman of Lye Community Association and former Lye and Wollescote ward councillor Abdul Qadus welcomed the move.

"I think it's a good idea to increase the parking."

"But it would also be good to have more long-stay parking particularly for people visiting the many restaurants as they travel

by Heather Large

from all over the place to Lye. This would also benefit shoppers," he said.

The council is also carrying out a review to see where it can create extra parking spaces in Stourbridge High Street.

It follows complaints about cars clogging up residential streets around the town centre.

Margaret Scott, chairman of Stourbridge Township Council, had called for charges to be dropped at two car parks in Birmingham Street in a bid to attract visitors.

She said cars line the streets which are in walking distance of the town centre such as Red Hill.

But regeneration chief Judy Foster said the council had no plans to remove the charges in Birmingham Street.

Meanwhile, a Conservative councillor has called for parking charges across Dudley to be scrapped.

Councillor Patrick Harley has pledged to stop charging at Dudley Council's car parks if his group regains council control.

He claims the move would help town centres and be paid for by a reduction in welfare bills. "Dudley, Stourbridge, Halesowen and Brierley Hill desperately need an injection of practical support," he said.

Council leader David Sparks said: "It is totally unrealistic to expect that we can reduce car parking charges without massive cuts elsewhere."

## Pupils book place in library sculpture



Artist Luke Perry with Annabelle Lilley and Oscar Hamilton-Roderick with the designs for parts of the sculpture

DESIGNS have been unveiled for a sculpture to take pride of place outside Stourbridge Library as part of a £50 million redevelopment project.

Stourbridge-based artist Luke Perry has been commissioned by developers to create the piece of artwork.

Work is progressing on the multi-million new Crown Centre which will include a Tesco supermarket.

The sculpture will be installed outside the library's new entrance once the development has been completed.

Mr Perry, who runs the not-for-profit company Industrial Heritage Stronghold which creates heritage-inspired public art, led a series of workshops with children and adults at the library to discover people's views and

love of the town and its history. He has created a final artwork design that will take the form of hundreds of flying books, cut out of steel and suspended from the ceiling of the new Crown Centre.

Many of the metal books will be cut through with designs based upon peoples' love of the area and their passion for books and reading.

### Feature

Characters from fiction will fly alongside personalities from the area through the new atrium which will be opened later this year.

The base of the artwork will feature two life sized relief sculptures in steel of two children from St James' Primary School, Wollaston.

Annabelle Lily and Oscar Hamilton-

Roderick took part in the project and were chosen by the artist to star in the artwork.

Dressed in Victorian clothing, they will be captured in stainless steel when their metallic replicas will be set into the wall of the new library entrance.

The first pages and fictional characters will emerge from the books Annabelle and Oscar are holding as the pages wing their way to the ceiling.

Dudley's regeneration chief Councillor Judy Foster said: "The design for this artwork has been truly community driven, and I think it's fitting that two of our schoolchildren who have contributed to the design will be immortalised in steel to provide an inspiring welcome to the library for their own and future generations."

## Housing schemes get funds of £2.1m

A £2.1 million plan to build homes in two areas of Dudley borough has taken a step forward after funding was secured.

Land in Norfolk Road, Wollaston, and The Walk, Sedgley, has been earmarked for flats for residents with learning disabilities and autism.

The project will also create jobs, including four apprenticeships.

The sites will have a total of 14 flats to support residents to live independently.

Dudley Council has been awarded £385,000 from the Care and Support Specialist Housing Fund.

The adult and community services chief, Councillor Dave Branwood, said: "This announcement is excellent news."

He added: "New schemes like this will allow more and more people to enjoy the security of their own homes in a supported environment rather than being moved into residential care."

Councillor Steve Waltho, cabinet member for housing and community safety, added: "This announcement is a positive step forward to increasing available housing for our residents with learning difficulties."

The homes will be built on brownfield infill sites which have been chosen on the basis of appropriate location and closeness to local facilities and amenities, council bosses said.

## Newsagent in collision

A NEWSAGENT is recovering in hospital after being knocked off her motorbike by a McLaren sports car.

Julia Bywater suffered a broken leg when thrown from her Harley Davidson on Sunday in Netherby Road, Sedgley, as she to her shop, Bywaters, in Kent Road in Upper Gornal.

Mrs Bywater, aged 48, and her husband Simon, 51, both ride to work each day. She had to have an operation to insert a pin above her ankle.

Police are taking no further action.



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# Kerb crawler's tomato shop story

A KERB crawler from Dudley caught by police with a prostitute in his car told them he had offered her a lift because she was directing him to a shop to buy tomatoes.

Prison security guard Muhammad Ikhlaiq picked up the known sex worker on Wednesbury Road, in Walsall's red light district on May 7, Walsall magistrates heard last week.

The 39-year-old, of New Road, who is married with four children,

was driving along Wallows Lane with the woman in the passenger seat of his black Nissan Micra when officers stopped and arrested him.

He told them he had needed to buy tomatoes to bring to a colleague at work the next day.

He claimed he asked the woman for directions to the nearest grocers and she offered to show him the way.

Two plain-clothed police officers followed the pair in an unmarked

car. They had been working on Operation Scarlet & Minus, a crackdown on kerb crawlers in the town's worst-affected areas.

The officers stopped Ikhlaiq at traffic lights and arrested him, before taking him to Bloxwich Police Station for questioning.

He denied an offence of soliciting for the purpose of obtaining sexual services in a public place. "I asked her because I thought she looked

local and I was in a hurry. She said she was going that way," he said.

Magistrates said his story was 'not credible' and fined him £400 with £625 costs and a £40 victim surcharge. After the hearing, Pc Stacey Paterson said: "I've heard some excuses before but in the 10 years that I have been a police officer I have never heard a kerb crawler covering up his crimes by claiming to be buying tomatoes."

# Driver who rammed new police car jailed

POLICE have welcomed the jailing of a disqualified driver who rammed a brand new patrol car.

Moments before the smash in-car cameras recorded a discussion between motorway officers saying they hoped banned driver Chad Harrison would not shunt their BMW X5, delivered just days earlier as they attempted to pull him over.

But when Harrison stopped in a lane near the A449 in Stourbridge he did exactly that, reversing his flat-bed truck into the 4x4 twice and causing £5,000 worth of damage before speeding away and leading officers on a 20-mile pursuit.

Police said Harrison, who was sentenced at Wolverhampton Crown Court on July 16, has been jailed for 15 months and banned from the road for seven years.

Patrol units were in the Stourbridge area on the evening of April 18 searching for a reported stolen vehicle when they spotted Harrison. But the truck Harrison was driving was not stolen.

Pcs Dal Nijjar and Gareth Phillips were both injured when Harrison rammed the car, but they then pursued him until he crashed into the gates of Hunts Mill Nature Reserve off Coopers Bank Road, in Dudley.

## Appalling

The West Midlands Police helicopter monitored Harrison's movements as he fled on foot into woodland and led colleagues to the spot he where he was lying low in bushes.

Harrison, aged 27, of Dudley Road, Kingswinford, admitted dangerous driving and driving while disqualified.

Acting Sgt Robert Leaver, from the Central Motorways Police Group, said: "The public need protecting from people who drive in this manner and put other road users in danger; he's rightly been jailed and should be tempted to take to the roads at any stage over the next seven years he's likely to find himself back behind bars."

He added: "Harrison has an appalling record of driving going back many years; on this occasion his reckless driving in a large commercial vehicle caused near carnage and caused thousands of pounds worth of damage."

"He deliberately drove at a patrol car, injuring the officers, and then led police on a long pursuit during which he strayed onto the wrong side of carriageways and struck at least eight other vehicles."

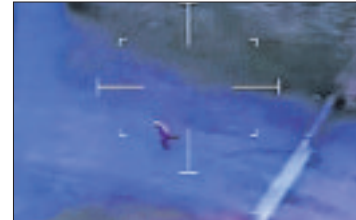
"The truck was in a poor condition and several of the cars were damaged after being struck by one of the truck's stabiliser booms."



The new police patrol car with 400 miles on the clock after pick-up driver Chad Harrison rammed it



The pick-up is spotted by trailing police officers



The helicopter has Harrison in its sights

# Students given top marks for drama

STUDENTS from two special schools have been given top marks and extra praise for their drama work at Halesowen College.

The groups, from Halesbury School, Halesowen, and Westminster School, West Bromwich, attended the college weekly for drama sessions. Their work has now been praised by an external

assessor, who took examples of their work to highlight 'excellent special needs education.'

The students recently performed The Circus, when each one took a role, including working back stage and designing the programme. There were also presentations for the hardest working and most improved student at the end of the show and the schools'

catering group at the college provided refreshments and cakes.

Elizabeth Bridgland, tutor and curriculum team manager for dance, drama and music, said: "All the students have excelled this year and their performance was fantastic."

"The external moderator was so impressed by the creativity of the course."

# Back-pain worker killed by overdose

A FACTORY worker who suffered chronic back pain killed himself by taking an overdose of the medication for the condition.

David Silvester, aged 44, died at his home, in Keyes Drive, Kingswinford, on February 26. Smethwick Coroners Court heard.

A post mortem revealed a very high dose of pain relief tramadol in his system - 29 milligrammes per litre of blood.

Pathologist Swapna Ghosh told the inquest the level should have been less than one per cent and any level more than six milligrammes per litre of blood was fatal.

Mr Silvester's wife Wendy, from who he was separated, said she had spoken to him the night before and he had been 'all over the place'.

The inquest also was told Mr Silvester had a history of chronic depression.

His benefits were due to be withdrawn by the Department of Work and Pensions but he was appealing against the decision after getting a sick note from his doctor.

Black Country Coroner Mr Robin Balmain recorded a verdict that Mr Silvester had killed himself.

# Staff donate to food bank

KIND-HEARTED Dudley Council staff have donated food and goods weighing almost 13 stone to the Black Country Food Bank.

Dropping off points have been set up for staff to give food and other items to the charity, while provides help to needy families.

Councillor Alan Finch, Mayor of Dudley, said: "I'm delighted that council staff have come forward to support this very worthwhile charity."

Last year the bank fed 3,735 people in the borough but it is estimated this could rise to 6,200 this year.

# Woman puts out blaze in kitchen

QUICK action by a Halesowen woman managed to put out a fire in her kitchen.

Fire crews were called to Foxlea Road at around 9.50pm last Wednesday but found the home owner had used a damp tea towel to extinguish the blaze on her stove. They led her and her dog out of the house.

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## Parks get Green Flag of success

SIX parks and nature reserves in Dudley have proved a cut above the rest after being awarded a coveted Green Flag.

Huntingtree Park and The Leasowes in Halesowen, Netherton Park, Silver Jubilee Park, Coseley, Wollescote Park, Stourbridge, and Wrens Nest Nature Reserve, Dudley have all been given the national title.

The award recognises and rewards the best parks and green spaces across the country, and is awarded to those with high standards, that are well maintained and which have good facilities.

Councillor Tracy Wood, the council's environment and culture lead, said:

"Dudley is a beautiful, green borough and we're delighted that our green spaces are being recognised with this prestigious status.

"This accolade is with no small thanks to our local community members, volunteers, residents and friends groups who have worked hard to show how much they truly love our community."

"The council will be seeking green flag status for other parks and nature reserves throughout the borough in the future."

Other winners included Haden Hill Park, Cradley Heath, Raggerridge Country Park, Sedgley, and Wom Brook Walk, Wombourne.

## V-Dub Club is a big pull

MORE than 200 visitors packed out a fun day featuring a host of vintage and modern Volkswagen vehicles ranging from cars to camper vans.

Around 100 motors from across the decades were on display at the event held at the Old Wagon and Horses pub, in Ismere, near Stourbridge, on Sunday.

It was organised by members of the Wyre Forest V-Dub Club, a group of Volkswagen enthusiasts who stage regular events in the area.

## Advice on offer

RESIDENTS who need support with alcohol or drug issues can get information on a range of topics, including health advice and home improvements, at events taking place in August. Need to know sessions will be held at libraries across Dudley borough.

# Tourist's horror at seeing man plunge into sea



Ian White

A STOURBRIDGE holidaymaker has described the sheer "horror" of seeing an elderly man floating in the sea after plunging 12ft from a quayside as he was just about to board a cruise liner in Turkey.

The 83-year-old man, who was rescued by crew from the MS Thomson Celebration cruise ship a week last Monday, is thought to have been peering at fish in the harbour at Marmaris when he slipped and plummeted into the Mediterranean.

Ian White, aged 50, from Kinver Street, Wordsley, said today: "I saw him floating head up."

Mr White was about to board the Thomson Celebration with his partner, Barbara Maltby, from Stourbridge, when some members of the crew from the ship began running towards the scene. "I ran with them

and saw the man floating on top of the water - he looked alive but in a bad way," he said.

"People were looking down from on deck and at ground level in utter horror. Barbara saw some girls who were hysterical about what was happening."

"The crew went down on a permanently fixed wall ladder, dived into the sea and brought him up before putting him on a wheelchair. There was applause on deck at the end of the rescue."

### Walking

Mr White added: "I'm told the man, who was a lone traveller and thought to be British, is OK but has facial injuries caused by him hitting the water."

A spokesman for Thomson Cruises said: "A man was

walking along the quayside prior to boarding, trying to peek into the sea, when he lost his footing and slipped into the water. A couple of members of crew and a couple of shoreside workers dived in fully clothed and got him out. He is fine but shaken."

The man was taken to the onboard medical centre and then to a shoreside clinic for further tests. He will not be sailing now."

Mr White and his partner had just arrived in Marmaris and were about to board the boat for their first ever cruise when the drama happened.

The two-week cruise takes in Israel, Lesbos, the Greek mainland and Mykonos. It was also due to call in Egypt but that stop-over has been cancelled due to the political unrest in the country.

# Fraud shock of tenants who rent out their council homes

**TENANTS in Dudley are flouting laws by renting out their taxpayer-funded council homes to make money, it has been revealed.**

Dudley Council chiefs have launched more than 170 housing fraud investigations in 12 months - and have hired a special officer to investigate any scams.

by Heather Large

Fifty tenants were caught breaking the rules with some sub-letting their homes to make money.

Other cases included people who remained in a home without the council's permission after the tenant had died.

A total of 173 investigations were carried out, with some still ongoing.

Six people were axed from the council's waiting list for properties after they made a 'fraudulent application' during the 2012/13 financial year, council bosses said.

### Tackle

Fifty-one of the cases were closed with no fraud being detected while the remaining investigations are continuing.

The figures were released in the council tenants annual report, which also revealed the authority has recruited a fraud officer to help improve its detection rate in the current 2013/14 financial year.

It is working with other organisations across the region to help tackle housing

fraud and has received Government cash to continue its work.

The report shows there has been a 10 per cent reduction in complaints received about the housing service, which looks after 23,000 homes in the borough.

The number dropped to 278 from 310 in the previous year.

In addition, the report includes details of the council's investment programme, which shows £59.5 million was spent on repairs and improvements during the 12 months.

Councillor Steve Waltho, cabinet member for housing, said: "We have joined a regional group and are working with other local authorities and social housing providers to ensure a robust approach to prevention and detection of fraud across the housing stock in the West Midlands."

A fraud hotline has been set up on 01384 814242.

## A break for tennis

A GROUP of children living in the shadow of one of the world's worst ever nuclear disasters will be enjoying some fresh air in Stourbridge - as they pick up tennis rackets at a sports club. Youngsters from Belarus, who live in an area that received more than 70 per cent of the radioactive fallout from the Chernobyl disaster in 1986, are being hosted by families in the area for a month and have been invited to enjoy some coaching at Wollaston Lawn Tennis Club on August 10. The party is being brought to the UK by the Chernobyl Children Lifeline charity.



All smiles at the reopening of the store... manager Martin Overton, centre, celebrates with colleagues



Roy Weston is joined by manager Martin Overton, left, Mayor of Dudley, Councillor Alan Finch and community life champion Steph Walker, right

## Roy returns to see reopening of store

A BRIERLEY Hill supermarket has relaunched after a makeover costing more than £1 million that has created nine extra jobs.

And it was a case of déjà vu as Roy Weston stepped through the doors of the remodelled Asda store - because he was also the first customer there 35 years ago.

The extra jobs were created thanks to the launch of a new-look George 21 fashion department at the supermarket. And the store has now reopened with a new 'back to school' range and a 'click and collect' canopy for online shoppers.

Roy, aged 75, of Moor Street, Brierley Hill, was the first shopper to step through the doors when the store originally opened in 1978.

### Modern

And he was back as the first customer for the new look Asda, as a VIP alongside the Mayor of Dudley, Councillor Alan Finch, store manager Martin Overton, community life champion Steph Walker and long-standing store staff.

Roy, retired groundsman at the old Marsh & Baxter sausage factory, Brierley Hill, said: "The shop has changed a lot over the years - particularly the tills, which are very modern now. My wife, Jean, and I have used the store that long we feel like part of the family."

The improvements were carried out over eight weeks.

## NEWS in brief

### Doctor graduates as captain in TA

DUDLEY doctor Dinesh Pall has graduated as a captain in the Territorial Army from the Royal Military Academy at Sandhurst.

He was one of 37 people to graduate after completing the Professionally-Qualified Officer course.

"To graduate as an officer in the TA makes me extremely proud," Captain Pall, aged 38, said. "I can't wait to join the Royal Army Medical Corps as a GP. I'm looking forward to the new opportunities open to me."

### Rugby players in touch for charity

STOURBRIDGE Rugby Club will be giving the proceeds of its annual touch rugby tournament and charity fun day to the Midlands Air Ambulance.

Organisers hope to raise at least £2,500, heading last year's total of £1,400 for Macmillan nurses.

The six-a-side tournament will be played for the Mel Williams Cup, in memory of the club's former president. It will start at 11am on Saturday at the Stourton Park site in Bridgton Road. A fire engine will also be there and three vintage trucks.

### Police pay for Scout T-shirts

A GROUP of Scouts has been given new T-shirts thanks to a police donation. The 35 youngsters of the 1st Quarry Bank and Lye Scout group were given £647 by Stourbridge police officers.

It was raised through the Police Property Act - a fund raised by selling property seized as part of police investigations.

### House proposal set for go-ahead

PLANS to build a three-bedroom house are expected to be approved after councillors deferred making a final decision so they could visit the site.

The proposal is for the homein Granville Drive, Kingswinford, along with a fence and parking space. Some neighbours were worried it would be an overdevelopment but planning officers said it was acceptable.

### Car hits barriers

A DRIVER crashed his car into barriers surrounding roadworks at the junction of Forge Lane and Dudley Road, Halesowen, last Wednesday evening, narrowly avoiding a large hole. He was unhurt.

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FROM the Met Office monthly forecast for August: "It will be warm in any prolonged sunnier spells." No kidding?

FOR the technical, little Prince George is the heir apparent to the heir apparent to the heir apparent. Apparently.

I SUPPOSE it's too late to give the royal spigot a fourth forename, just to mark the fact that he was born on the hottest day of the year? King Scorchio the First sounds terrific.

A ROYAL myth that needs nailing is the claim that this little prince somehow "secures the monarchy." Nothing is more secure than the British monarchy because there are about 60 million of us in line for the throne. The rules of succession ensure that if the entire Windsor dynasty were wiped out tomorrow, the crown would pass to the closest uncle, nephew or cousin. If they mysteriously popped their clogs, the succession would continue via the Archbishop of Canterbury to the Lord Chancellor, Archbishop of York, Prime Minister, Lord President of the Privy Council and Speaker of the House of Commons. And if they all died, the crown would pass into the common herd. At some stage you and I, dear reader, are in the running. In fact, the arrival of a new prince has probably pushed you down the order of succession from about 45,876,107th to 45,876,108th. Even as we rejoice, we are usurped.

WHATEVER happened to republicanism? Until recently, those of us who thought a constitutional monarchy was a pretty neat thing were howled down by hordes of rabid anti-monarchists who told us sternly that kings and queens had no place in the modern world and that a British Republic was long overdue. But after a couple of riotously successful jubilees, a royal wedding, Her Majesty starting with James Bond at the Olympics and the arrival of Prince George, the republicans seem to have gone very quiet, not only in Britain but also in Australia where republicanism was once a force to be reckoned with. It always occurred to me that those who gracelessly snarled "another mouth to feed" at the news of every royal birth were inspired almost entirely by envy and a curious affection for a colourless constitution. The republicans have absolutely no answer to people enjoying themselves.

INCIDENTALLY, has there ever been a worse time to be Australian? Rubbish in the Olympics, rubbish in the rugby, rubbish in the Test and then the Yanks come along and bomb your Great Barrier Reef.

THE BBC Sport website asks: "Ashes 2013: Are Australia set for years as underdogs?" Shouldn't that be underdogs?

A SEX offender is on the run in Germany having chipped a hole in his cell in Hamburg using a spoon. Not a paedophile, then?

THE headline which appeared to announce "Cameroon to unveil online porn club" turns out to be "Cameroon to unveil online porn curb." Must get some new reading glasses.

J K ROWLING has a bit of a downer on the tabloid Press. She appeared at the Leveson Inquiry where a succession of lawyers (noble, trustworthy pillars of society) denounced a succession of journalists (slimy, heartless guttersnipes). So guess which profession leaked Rowling's most precious secret - that she was "Robert Galbraith," author of the mystery, The Cuckoo's Calling? That's right, it was a lawyer. A lawyer in the firm that represents her. Such a noble profession, eh?

YES, it is an odd word. A reader asks why the NHS is controlled by trusts when, in some cases, the last thing you'd ever do is trust them.

**Don't miss Peter Rhodes every Monday to Friday in your Express & Star**

## Party time as school gets to region finals

A DUDLEY school is celebrating after clinching a place in the regional final to find the UK's top children's party venue.

The Kingswinford School beat off hundreds of rivals in the competition run by Britain's largest parenting site Netmums.com.

The school prides itself in working closely with the community by utilising its facilities. It first advertised the school as a venue for children's birthday parties in 2011.

Headteacher Mrs Bronwyn

Hedley said: "We are delighted to be in with a chance to win a top national award."

Manager Simon Baggott added "I'd like to ask all the local mums and dads to get behind us, vote for us and make us the West Midlands winner!"

Voting closes on August 23. To cast yours go to [www.netmums.com](http://www.netmums.com) and click on the vote button of the party awards section. Each voter is entered into a draw to win £250 of Smyths Toy Store vouchers.

## Smart move helps to make energy savings

DUDLEY South MP Chris Kelly says nearly 3,000 households in his constituency are making savings on their energy bills by using 'smart meters'.

Annual average savings possible through the British Gas meters are £65 per household.

Mr Kelly welcomed the savings, which he said were now benefiting 2,835 households in his constituency, which covers Brierley Hill, Brockmoor, Pensnett, King'swinford, Wall Heath, Netherton,

Woodside, St Andrews and Wordsley.

The meters let households check how much gas and electricity they are using and how much that costs, so they can control energy use.

Mr Kelly said: "When many people are struggling to make ends meet, this is good news for the families in Dudley and the Black Country. Energy bills are a big worry for some households and anything that can provide greater transparency and help people take

## Time for children to play in parks

PARKS in Dudley are hosting a range of free activities for youngsters during the school holidays.

They are aimed at children aged eight to 13 and sessions will run until August 30 at Silver Jubilee Park, Cosely, Netherton Park, Mary Stevens Park, Stourbridge, Huntingtree Park, Halesowen, and Quarry Bank Park.

Activities, which run at various times from Mondays to Fridays, will include parachute games, multi-skills activities and scavenger hunts. Activities will be held at Quarry Bank Park every Tuesday and Thursday from 2pm to 4pm.

There will be Wacky Wednesdays, which includes face painting, sumo fun, an inflatable football pitch, pre-school activities, treasure hunts, cookery taster sessions fun and fitness activities and environmental sessions.

They run from 1 to 4pm at Netherton Park on August 14, Mary Stevens Park on August 21 and Huntingtree Park on August 28.

There will also be special evening sessions from 5pm to 7pm at Mary Stevens Park on August 20, Huntingtree Park on August 13 and 27, Silver Jubilee Park on today and August 22 and Netherton Park on August 15 and 29.

## Snow leopards back together

TWO snow leopards at Dudley Zoo have been reintroduced following the sudden death of their 11-week-old cub.

The big cats had been separated since the cub's birth in May, with father Margaash split from mother Nanga and the baby.

But following the death last month, keepers decided to put them back together after they were seen rubbing faces through a partition.

## Games support

PLANS to build a multi-games area and floodlighting at a Kingswinford school look set to be given council approval despite objections from residents living nearby.

Summerhill School, Lodge Lane, has submitted an application for the development mainly to provide an artificial football pitch.

## Brothers locked up for attack on innocent boy

## Pedal power boosts charity



On the bike is Jon Tomlinson, an advisor from Coventry Building Society, with manager Dan Harris, Mandy Acamovic, Bev Massey and Chris Barron, of Cancer

FUNDRAISERS have been using pedal power to raise money for a Dudley cancer charity.

Staff from the Merry Hill branch of Coventry Building Society covered 100km on an exercise bike for the fundraiser.

Eight workers took part and they completed the distance in three hours and 41 minutes using a bike donated by David Lloyd Leisure. They have so far raised £350 for White House Cancer Support, based in Ednam Road, Dudley.

Chris Barron, manager of White House Cancer Support, said: "I think they have been fantastic to raise the money for us by

undertaking this challenge and three hours and 41 minutes is a very impressive time."

During the week members of staff from Coventry Building Society head office have been cycling round all branches in what they have called the Tour De Branch. They are planning to cover 550 miles in six days.

● White House is appealing for volunteer therapists to join its other therapist to two give people with cancer, and their carers, complementary therapy. Patients and their carers can receive up to 12 free sessions of therapy. Any therapist able to volunteer should call Helen Lees, group and records officer for White House, on 01384 231232.

TWO brothers who launched an attack on a 16-year-old boy in the mistaken belief that he had thrown stones at their family home have each been jailed for five years.

Gareth and Aaron Attwood struck after the innocent victim was spotted in the same street the day after the vandalism, Wolverhampton Crown Court heard.

The two men and their 46-year-old father Andrew gave chase in two cars trying to cut off his escape and three other people he had apparently been walking with.

He was cornered in the Fens Pool Nature Reserve, Pensnett, and received a beating that left him with a double fracture of the jaw and a broken finger. He lost a tooth and was bruised.

Gareth, aged 21, who lives with his father in nearby Fens Crescent, and 23-year-old Aaron, of Westwood Street, Brierley Hill, were convicted of wounding at an earlier trial and had been remanded in custody for sentencing. Their father was acquitted of wounding, but convicted of assaulting a 19-year-old youth.

## Chased

Trouble flared on July 15 last year, the day after stones had been thrown at the house, the court was told. Four youths were seen walking in Fens Crescent.

They ran away after being confronted by members of the family, who chased and cornered the 16-year-old and the 19-year-old. The other two youths escaped.

Mr Christopher O'Driscoll, defending, said: "The 16-year-old was hanging around with the wrong people on this occasion and



Gareth, left, and Aaron Attwood sent to prison

paid a very high price for that. Two of the other people who were with him were intending to cause more trouble for members of this family."

The brothers were each jailed for five years for wounding the 16-year-old and their father received a six months for assault.

Judge Michael Dudley told them: "The youngest victim was the innocent one in the group and was left in a terrible state when the two brothers had finished with him."

Afterwards the father of the victim, of Kingswinford, said: "He was so badly beaten up he was unrecognisable. He had never been involved in any stone throwing. It was terrible."

"Fortunately he is quite a confident young lad and I think he will come out of this all right although the jaw still gives him trouble over 12 months later."

"I do not care about the men who did this to him. Neither I nor my son knew anything about them before this happened."

"All I was interested in was justice being done."

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## Date set for Lenny to get his Freedom

LENNY Henry will be presented with the Freedom of Dudley in October.

The comedian and actor said he felt 'deeply humbled and honoured' by the award. Dudley Council approved plans to make the star a borough freeman in February.

He will return on October 9 to receive the Freedom of the Borough scroll at a ceremony at Dudley Town Hall.

The initial decision to award him the honour was met with controversy after opposition councillors claimed the comedian had not contributed enough to the borough. In the past, the freedom has only been awarded to long-serving councillors and the military.

But council leader David Sparks said the honour was well-deserved.

Lenny, one of the borough's most famous faces, will receive it in recognition of his services to entertainment and also his contribution to global fundraising through Comic Relief after councillors agreed to change the rules.

Lenny, aged 54, who grew up in Douglas Road, near Buffery Park, Dudley, said: "I know in my heart of hearts that if my parents were alive they would be a bit puzzled but also incredibly proud of this achievement. Thank you very much indeed."

## Father was found dead

A SALES advisor who had mental health problems was found hanged at his Sedgley home, an inquest was told.

Tyrone Alan Ronald Jones had returned to his Alderdale Avenue home for a few days from hospital, Dudley Coroners Court heard last week. His daughter Carrie Slawinska found the 62-year-old when she arrived at there on December 17.

Black Country coroner Robin Balmain heard Mr Jones had been treated for mental health issues. Mr Balmain said the death had been confirmed as hanging. He recorded that Mr Jones had killed himself.

## Car arson attack

A STOLEN car was destroyed in an arson attack in a residential street in Dudley on Saturday. Fire crews from Brierley Hill were called to Nanaimo Way, Kingsford at 12.58am.

# No pizza the law yet for food shop couple



OK! Pizza's Katie Medley and Oliver Sutton

TWO young entrepreneurs, who faced a slice of trouble after opening a pizza shop with a logo similar to a celebrity magazine, look to have escaped the threat of legal action.

Oliver Sutton and Katie Medley hit the headlines last month when their pizza shop in Hagley called OK! Pizza was brought to the attention of national magazine OK!

The pair were told the name could be a possible trademark infringement because of their branding which looks like the logo of the magazine company.

But a month on, the pair have heard nothing and on the back of a successful start to business, they are confident they can continue to trade as OK! Pizza. They even have

plans to expand further by setting up catering stalls at music festivals next year, including V Festival in Staffordshire.

The couple, who both went to Haybridge High School, Hagley, opened the pizza shop at the former bakery in Worcester Street earlier this year.

Oliver looks after the operational side of the business while Katie is the cook.

### Challenging

Miss Medley, aged 19, said: "We haven't heard anything - we had a feeling this would happen and we could continue as we are. The first three months have been good."

"It's challenging starting a business from scratch, but we're both coping OK. We are

thinking of expanding further into festivals, so things are looking up."

Mr Sutton, 18, and Miss Medley claim to have chosen the design for the pizza shop's logo because of the interest they have in celebrities.

Mr Sutton said: "Of course, we knew about the OK! magazine and the logo is almost exactly the same."

"But the letters are our initials and we chose the design because we are both interested in celebrities."

In June, Christian Guiltane, editor of OK!, said he planned to alert the magazine's legal team over the shop's name.

No contact has been made from the magazine to Mr Sutton or Miss Medley.

# Colleges and school share £1.6m special needs grant

TWO colleges and a school in Dudley borough will share a windfall of more than £1.6 million to create 230 extra places to teach young people with special needs.

Dudley Council has beaten off fierce competition from other areas to win the Government cash to build facilities aimed at 16 to 19-year-olds who have learning difficulties and disabilities.

by Louise Jew

Pens Meadow School, Ridge Hill, Brierley Hill Road, Wordsley, will receive £592,000 to refurbish Shousters House, a derelict former health building next door, to provide state of the art facilities so it can take in another 40 youngsters.

Headteacher Marie Bissell said: "We are thrilled - it's fantastic news and will help us to create sixth form facilities, not just for our own pupils but for young people from across the borough."

### Improved

"Stourbridge College will get £540,000 to create 150 places for students with complex needs, including the provision of a unit where they can learn how to become more independent, as well as developing business and enterprise skills."

College spokeswoman Mags Winthrop said: "The additional funding to provide new and improved facilities for students will

learning difficulties is fantastic news for the borough."

Dudley College gets £516,244 - on top of £745,200 awarded last year - to provide a 'transition centre' for high needs students.

Bob Chapman, director of learning, said it would enable completion of the Dudley Aspire specialist teaching centre.

Dudley South MP Chris Kelly said he was delighted. "It will make a huge difference to so many young people in Dudley and the Black Country," he added.

Councillor Tim Crumpton, cabinet member for children's services and life long learning, said: "This is a tremendous achievement and I have to pay tribute to our officers who have fought long and hard to obtain this funding that will transform the lives of so many of our children and their families, enabling them to lead richer and more rewarding lives."

## Full house for Full Moon

THE Full Moon pub, Dudley, has gained the top rating for its levels of hygiene in the council's Scores on the Doors programme. The High Street pub was awarded five stars by inspectors. The scheme aims to highlight hygiene standards in pubs, restaurants, take-aways and clubs across the borough. Inspectors judge outlets on how hygienic and well-managed the food preparation is. Manager Nanette Young said: "I am delighted that we have gained the top rating and I'm sure our customers will welcome the news, too."

## Top brass herald restored bandstand



David Sparks, Val Wellings, Kynne Homer-Davies and Sue Lee with friends and staff at the bandstand

A BANDSTAND which has been the centrepiece of Quarry Bank Park for more than 80 years has been restored to its former glory.

Friends of the Park received a £18,000 grant to carry out work to replace the cast iron panels and gates. The completion of the project means the bandstand is ready to host concerts and an event is due to take place on August 11.

It has been described as one of the 'finest examples of bandstands in the region' and was built in 1925.

Val Wellings, member of the friends, said: "The park plays a very important part in the life of the local community and is very well used by people of all

ages. The bandstand is located in the centre of the park and is on view to all visitors so we are delighted to see it restored to how it used to be."

Councillor David Sparks, chairman of the friends and leader of Dudley Council, said: "The volunteers on the Friends of the Park have worked extremely hard to secure the funding for this excellent restoration to take place."

### Action

"The bandstand has been recognised in the past as one of the finest examples of a bandstand in the region and this is the perfect example of our Love Your Community campaign being put into action and we hope to see plenty more

initiatives in the near future across the borough."

The friends worked in partnership with Dudley Council's parks development team to secure the funding for the work from landfill tax charity Ibbstock Cory Environmental Trust.

Contractors Express Valve Manufacturing, of Thornleigh Trading estate, Dudley carried out the work. The family-run foundry completed the refurbishment using only materials sourced and made in the Black Country.

The park, which attracts around 1,500 people a week, has a multi-use games area, football pitch, skatepark, play area and a tennis court.

## NEWS

### in brief

#### Charity in search of new trustees

A DUDLEY-BASED charity is looking for new trustees and an experienced fundraiser. Enrych Black Country helps bring life, leisure and learning activities to people with physical disabilities.

Trustees chair, Dr Julian Randall, said: "We are looking for enthusiastic local people from all walks of life with a range of skills, good judgement and an empathy with our purpose." Trustee applicants and volunteers can email him at juban@btopenworld.com

#### School mountain bikes go in raid

MOUNTAIN bikes and canoes worth thousands of pounds have been stolen from a school in a village near Stourbridge.

Thieves broke into a storage container at Hagley RC High School, Brake Lane. Twelve bikes and two canoes, which were on a trailer, were taken. The bikes were worth £3,000 and the canoes £1,500.

Police believe there were at least two thieves, who first struck at about 10.40pm on July 17, returning with a van at about 1.30am and again at 3.30am on July 18.

#### Keegan stars at fundraiser dinner

FORMER England manager and international Kevin Keegan will be guest of an honour at a charity dinner in Brierley Hill.

An Evening with Kevin Keegan takes place on October 3 at Copthorne Hotel to raise money for Compton Hospice. Following a three-course meal, guests will have the opportunity to put questions to the former Liverpool and Newcastle striker. Tickets are around £60. Call Simon Cater on 0845 2255 497 or go to www.compton-hospice.org.uk

#### £9,750 Lottery grant for school

A SCHOOL in Dudley will receive £9,748 from the Big Lottery Fund for an outdoor classroom.

Sutton School and Specialist College will create an eco and sensory learning zone to explore nature, wildlife and environmental projects for pupils with learning and behavioural disabilities.

Fund spokesperson Helen Bullough said: "Our Awards for All small grants will make a big difference."

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## NEWS FEATURE

## IN MY VIEW

WITH  
MARK  
ANDREWS

YOU get a lot of strange invitations in this job, but even so, this one came as a bit of surprise.

Dutch television company Dusk has invited me to its first ever Porn Awards, a special ceremony celebrating the very best in female-orientated porn.

What do you mean, you were going anyway?

The evening, which forms part of the Sensual Summer Event, promises a 'full programme' – you don't say – and the winner will be presented with the Porn 2013 award. Which will no doubt look lovely on the sideboard.

You will forgive me if I don't divulge the names of all the films in the running, but Cabaret Desire by Erika Lust is among the contenders.

There will also be an opportunity to interview British director Anna Arrowsmith, otherwise known as Anna Span, who is not only a talented producer of erotic films which 'usually deal with role playing and female fantasies', but was also a Liberal Democrat candidate for Gravesham, Kent, at the 2010 General Election.

I don't know what she makes of coalition government, but wouldn't you just love to see her in charge of party political broadcasts?

WAS woken up this morning by the window cleaner swearing and screaming before kicking over his bucket. "Sorry mate," he said. "I lost my rag."

SIR Bruce Keogh, who is shortly to publish a report on how the NHS can meet the needs of the 21st century, has said it needs to adopt the 'more for less' mentality of businesses such as PC World or Dixons.

I don't know about you, but I'm not sure that young, spiky-haired GPs in brightly-coloured shirts talking in unintelligible jargon really represents much in the way of progress.

What is evident though is that the expenditure of vast sums of money does not always make for a better service.

Fifteen years ago, I could make an appointment to see my friendly local GP in his small, slightly shabby, little surgery, the next day, no problem.

Now after millions of pounds of 'investment', the poky surgery has made way for an all-singing, all-dancing mini clinic, with electric doors and everything, where it now takes around a week to see whichever doctor happens to have a slot going.

Last time I tried, I was advised it would be quicker to drive across town to the 'walk-in' centre. On arrival, there was a sign warning of a four-hour wait. Oh, and the walk-in centre was due to close in half an hour, anyway. Walk-in centre? I walked straight out.



Doreen Rushton, whose aunt, Lizzie Williams, aged 13, was killed in the blast



The funeral procession for the victims of the factory explosion in 1922

# Needless victims of blast honoured

Plaque is unveiled to the memory of the 19 girls killed in factory explosion.  
NAOMI DUNNING reports

IT is remembered as the darkest episode in a Black Country town's history, when 19 young girls lost their lives in a devastating explosion.

Now their needless loss of life has been commemorated with a Tipton Civic Society blue plaque near the site where the tragedy happened.

The plaque has been placed at Tipton Toddlers Nursery on the corner of Dudley Port and Groveland Road, a second plaque has also been erected next to it to commemorate the site of Tipton's last cinema.

The Dudley Port factory employed dozens of girls to break up the live cartridges left over from the First World War for scrap.

But on March 6, 1922 at around 11.45am one of the cartridges inexplicably went off, igniting or discharging several thousand others waiting to be dealt with.

## Dragged

The explosion ripped through the L K Knowles factory in Groveland Road, where the young women worked, blowing the iron roof from the building and setting it on fire.

A total 24 young girls were working at the time and the explosion killed all but five.

The *Chronicle's* sister paper, *The Express & Star*, covered the disaster and described how the panic-stricken girls tried to escape the inferno. Many had to be dragged from the burning building. Some were severely burned and injured.

The report describes how Dudley's Guest Hospital was stretched to its limit.

In July of that year, following a court case, company manufacturer, John



Relatives of the victims of the explosion with Tipton Civic Society's vice chairman Keith Hodgkins and Adrian Bailey MP, back, view the plaque

Walter Knowles, aged 55, was jailed for five years for manslaughter by Staffordshire Assizes.

A memorial was erected in 1924 at Tipton Cemetery, two years after the explosion and was given a clean-up in 1994 and refurbished in 2010. But there has not been a memorial on the site of the explosion itself.

Doreen Rushton, whose aunt Lizzy Williams died at the age of 13, attended the ceremony to unveil the plaques.

Mrs Rushton, 69, of St Mark's Road, Tipton, said: "She was my father's sister, but he was only three at the time. When we were growing up they never really talked about it."

"We had a photograph of her horse-drawn funeral carriage, and books from chapel which had been dedicated to her, but did not know much else."

"The King had also written to my

family expressing his condolences."

The grandmother-of-three, who attended the event with her sister Mavis Smith and cousins Jean Smith, Rita Kempson and Barbara Hughes, said: "We just felt it was important to go and remember Lizzy."

"It was a terrible, horrendous tragedy, but it was lovely to have the ceremony and remember her together."

Vice chairman of Tipton Civic Society Keith Hodgkins said: "It was an horrific tragedy, and the most tragic episode in Tipton's recent history."

"We felt it was very important to mark the spot where the tragedy happened."

The second blue plaque marks the site of the former The Alhambra cinema, which was built in 1933 and was once Tipton's finest cinema. It closed in 1963.

## The names of those who perished at Dudley Port

- Annie Naylor, aged 14, 162 Dudley Port
- Laura Dalloway, aged 14, 36, Upper Chapel Street, Tivdale
- Nellie Kay, aged 15, 20, Great Bridge Street, West Bromwich
- Mabel Weaver, aged 14, 3 Victoria Terrace, Park Estate, Tipton
- Annie Freeth, aged 15, 42 Farley Street, Great Bridge
- Violet May Franklin, aged 15, 17, Cleton Street, Tipton
- Annie Elizabeth Florence Edwards aged 15, 77, A block, Munition Huts, Dudley
- Priscilla Longmore, aged 13, 337, Dudley Port
- Edith Drew, aged 15, 1ct, 1 house, Boat Row, Tipton
- Edith Richards, aged 14, 7 Factory Road, Tipton
- Elsie Fellows, aged 15, 96 Dudley Port
- Lucy Edwards, aged 14
- Edith Jukes, aged 15
- Margaret Burns, aged 15, Sheepwash Lane, West Bromwich
- Elizabeth Williams, aged 13, Old Cross Street, Tipton
- Hannah Hubbard aged 16, 5ct 1 House, Dudley Port
- Elizabeth Aston aged 14
- Lizzie Griffiths, aged 15, of Railway Street, Horseley Heath
- Gladys May Bryant, aged 14, 15 West Street, Dudley Port

## THROUGH THE YEARS

### 1983...

NEWBORN babies, their mothers and mums-to-be were evacuated when fire broke out in the maternity unit at Walsall's Manor Hospital. Nurses led 10 women, some carrying their babies, to safety as firemen tackled the blaze.

KANDOLA Singh proudly drove his brand new £28,000 Mercedes Benz out of a Wolverhampton showroom – but within three hours it was back in the garage after being involved in a smash. Mr Singh, who worked at the Goodyear tyre factory, was unhurt in the accident.

TOP boppers from Penkridge put their village on the entertainment map with a string of disco victories. Team Genesis scooped the World Disco Stars championship having already scooped the All-England, Western Europe and Great Britain titles.

### 1993...

FORTY students from Eastern Europe were left stranded after a conman duped them into paying for non-existent work at a farm near Wolverhampton. The Slovakian students turned up to work at Manor Farm in Coven, but were sent away as there were no jobs available.

THE villages of Kings Bromley and Newborough came out on top in Staffordshire's annual best kept village competition. But there was no joy for host village Kinver, who came second to Codsall in the South Staffordshire contest.

PLANNERS in Wolverhampton were considering bringing in special 'anti-bomb' litter bins in the wake of the IRA bombing of Warrington. Council officials looked at bringing in plastic bins after traditional metal ones were removed from all Midlands shopping centres following the blast.

### 2003...

FORMER Wolves owner-chairman Sir Jack Hayward was honoured after his name was added to a Civic Centre ceremonial board. Sir Jack was named the city's 21st Freeman at a special council meeting.

PEOPLE were evacuated from the Horseley Fields area of Wolverhampton after two Second World War artillery shells were discovered. Army experts attended the site and took the shells away for examination.

WOLVERHAMPTON'S Molineux Hotel was saved by a £1.5 million link-up between the city council and regional development agency. The building had stood derelict for almost 25 years before its purchase and planned refurbishment.

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## LETTERS

## Dossier is growing on Russells Hall

SINCE the coverage I recently gained for criticising the way Russells Hall hospital in Dudley is run I have been contacted by several people with real horror stories about the way they or their family have been treated at this institution.

These people are keen not to have their names mentioned as they fear repercussions during ongoing care and they have asked me to speak on their behalf.

I have decided to extend the offer of help to everyone who may have been

done a disservice at this hospital. Please contact me and I will add your story to the growing dossier I am collecting of awful examples of bad service, all in strictest confidence and you will remain anonymous if that is what you wish.

The stories I have collected so far include examples of pain relief being removed to punish patients who complained. A lady who had such an appalling experience during labour she has been left emotionally and mentally traumatised and a man whose wife was

so frightened of returning to the hospital she refused to be taken there and ended up dying in his arms.

When I have collected more examples of neglect and appalling treatment I will be giving the file to the press at the same time as renewing my calls for the hospital management and board of governors to be replaced.

Contact me via [billetheridge.co.uk](mailto:billetheridge.co.uk) or 07894 737884

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## Why can't we pick plastic?

MOST people are happy with black plastic bags we use now and do not want another bin outside their property because they are unable to take them round the back. We are told the bin system is more cost effective, but we were told previously that households had to be assessed to see if they were suitable to have bins.

Surely this cost would reduce the anticipated savings considerably. If these properties can still use the plastic bags, then why cannot other householders also choose to continue using the bags? I decided some time ago, once elected as a politician, common sense flies out of the window.

**M HORNE**  
Cromwell Drive  
Dudley

## Pavements are not for bins

HOW I agree with comments made by S Fox regarding another plastic bin soon to be introduced by Dudley Council. My understanding is that in addition to the green wheeled bin, there will be a grey one, together with the black plastic box plus two bags, one green and one blue. I am fortunate to be able to keep the bins at the back of my house. I am also retired so can bring in the bins after emptying. With drivers feeling they have the right to park on footpaths and bins left there until people return from work, it will become even more difficult to use the pavement.

**S ELLIS, Halesowen**

## LETTERS to the Editor

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Letters should be brief and MUST include name, address and telephone number of the writer. The Editor reserves the right to condense letters.

### E-MAIL

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## I like Dudley shopping

I'VE always liked Dudley, after all it's our nearest decent shopping centre (still is). I know a lot of retailers have deserted the town for Merry Hill (not everyone's idea of shopping). There's still a lot of butchers, fruit shops, and very good semi-supermarkets. Alas, the 'watering holes' are thin on the ground now.

With regards to the ridiculous fabrication known to those in higher echelons as the 'Dudley Bug' - more like a giant toast rack or a bicycle rack - one wonders, what comments Prince Charles would make?

I shall slip back now over the border to Tipton, but before I go, one more comment Dudley Council, why do you allow a plethora of motorcycles to park on a pedestrian zone near to the public toilets. Wheelchair and pedestrian access is precarious?

**MALCOLM SAXON, Central Avenue, Tipton**

## Buses too hot for travelling

WHY is it in this age of technology and with temperatures in the late 20s, do we have to travel on buses with their heaters on? I regularly travel on the 226 service run by Hansons and Diamond between Wordsley and Merry Hill and on most occasions the bus has its heater on. The drivers say they can do nothing about it. Surely passenger comfort should be paramount. In this day and age we ought to have air conditioned buses, not be cooked as we travel. I can understand why people do not want to use public transport when they can travel in cool air conditioned cars.

**CAROLE JORDAN, Balmoral Road, Wordsley**

## Speedway trouble free

IN response to Mr R A Sargeant's letter regarding speedway at Castle Gate. He lives by one of the busiest roads in the Black Country, he also lives between two of the busiest islands in the Black Country. If a track was to be built near him, he would get minimum noise due to controls in place.

As for calling fans petrol heads, he must get his facts right. Speedway bikes run on an eco fuel called methanol, a wood alcohol, and therefore speedway fans are not petrol heads.

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## MEMORY LANE



The refuge shelter which was closed down by the housing association



Glenthorne House before its current redevelopment into 11 flats



Construction work under way to convert the well-known building

# The changing face of an historic village property

**THE future of an historic Cheslyn Hay home is looking more secure, bringing an end to nearly a decade of decline.**

South Staffs Housing Association is converting Glenthorne House – one of the homes to the Hawkins' family – into 11 one-bedroom apartments.

One of three purpose-built mansions for the family, Glenthorne was built around 1889 by Thomas Albert Hawkins, son of Joseph Hawkins and owner of the Coppice Colliery. The land on which Glenthorne stands was originally the garden for 28 High Street and owned by Henry Poyner in the early 1800s. By 1849 he had sold it to original colliery owner Edward Sayer.

Life at Glenthorne for the servants involved long hours, arduous work and little pay serving Thomas Hawkins, 'Mr Tom' as he was known, his wife Alethea and their family.

Thomas and Alethea had a daughter, also named Alethea (b1887), and two sons Osmond and Clarence. Both saw plenty of

*by Darren Butler*

active service, and Osmond, a Major, was badly injured with shrapnel wounds in June 1915 while commanding his platoon in the trenches and returned to England for hospital treatment. However Clarence, a Captain, paid the ultimate sacrifice and was killed in September 1917 aged just 28.

As a memorial, Mr Tom had an etched glass window of his portrait on the door leading from the hall into the house. After the war, Osmond and his wife Marion Crutchley Hawkins (nee de Fontblaque) moved into the premises and it remained one of the three Hawkins' residences until Mr Tom and Alethea moved to Aldridge in the mid-20s, selling the snooker building to the left of Glenthorne House and the gardens to the rear to William Wollaston who converted it into a residential dwelling and moved in with his wife Sarah Ann.

Prior to World War II, Glenthorne House was converted into three apartments and became home to the Hills,

Worseys, Pearsons, Albert Parsons and Alice Holden. The former kitchen and servant areas also became residences.

Thomas Hawkins died in 1936, but his nephew Sydney and his wife Henrietta moved in. Sydney had previously lived at 28 High Street and ran a bakery there.

At the start of World War II the house had been sold to Horace W Thomas who moved into the old snooker building. Around 1957 the house was sold to a Mr Hogens for £6,500 which finally brought to end the 70-year link between Glenthorne House and the Hawkins dynasty.

South Staffs Council later bought Glenthorne House and created five flats. Due to the poor state of the former snooker building the council had to pull it down.

In 1994 a mother and toddler woman's refuge shelter was built where the gardens once flourished. It was sold on three years later to the housing association, which immediately closed down the shelter.

With the high costs of maintaining the property, the house was closed and boarded up in early 2006.



The bakery run by Sydney Hawkins in Cheslyn Hay



The staircase at the historic Glenthorne House

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# Amy misses race but raises cash



Fundraiser Amy Passey made £750 painting nails

**A SCHOOLGIRL took to painting the nails of friends and family to raise hundreds of pounds for charity after being unable to take part in fundraising event.**

Amy Passey, aged 13, was diagnosed last month with anorexia and couldn't join 2,000 other competitors at last month's Race For Life event in Himley. Determined to still raise cash for Cancer Research UK, the student at Thorns Community College, Quarry Bank, decided to provide manicures from her home instead.

Over the weekend, Amy painted the nails of more than 70 people, raising

£570. She said: "I was unable to do the Race for Life so looked for something else to do. I enjoy painting nails, so opened my home up for people to have their nails done."

"I was surprised how many people came. It turned out well and I raised a lot of money."

Amy, who wants to become a teacher, said she planned other similar events, while also battling her eating disorder.

## Difficult

Her mother Angela thanked people for their support for Amy and the family.

She said: "It is a very difficult time. It's going to take a long time to put right, but we're all strong and we're

grateful for all the support we have had so far."

She said Amy was diagnosed with the condition last month. She was taken to the doctor after Angela noticed her stopping eating her food and losing weight.

She was unable to take part in the race, which was 3km or 5km, because of a lack of nutrition. Her mother said: "We're all really proud of her, and what she has done to raise so much money for charity."

More than 2,000 women took part of the Race For Life event at Himley Park earlier this month, raising about £135,000. Due to the success of the race a further event will be staged at the park later this year.

# Homes and firms to get fast broadband

HOMES and businesses in Stourbridge will be among 2,220 in the region to get the latest high-speed broadband as part of a £2.5 billion roll-out project by BT.

The work is due to be completed by the end of next spring and is expected to help create jobs and boost the economy.

Across the region more than 1.2 million households and businesses can now get fibre broadband and this figure is expected to reach about 1.73m next year. Mike Cook, BT regional director for the West Midlands, said: "We're pleased to announce further investment in fibre broadband as part of our continuing commitment to make the technology as widely available as possible. Fast, sophisticated connections are the cornerstone of a successful community, impacting on many aspects of modern life and providing a platform for new businesses and jobs."

Mr Cook said future-proofed fibre broadband transforms the way online services are used from entertainment and education to shopping and social networking. It can also enhance firms' competitiveness.

# Names needed for volunteers of year awards

THE search is on to find the best volunteers in the Dudley borough with the launch of an annual awards scheme.

Five of last year's Dudley Volunteer Awards winners came together to mark the start of nominations for this year's scheme.

The volunteers who scooped the awards last year unveiled a new poster campaign as part of the launch in the hope of inspiring more people to help their communities.

Nominations are wanted for people who make a difference through community action, health, sport, the environment and safety.

Two special awards will be presented to the young volunteers of the year.

The long service award will be presented in memory of former Dudley CVS Chair Gordon Lindsay.

Individuals or groups can

be put forward as long as their volunteering is unpaid activity. The closing date is for votes is September 6.

Shortlisted volunteers will be invited to a gala event at Brierley Hill Civic Hall in October.

Eileen Fielding, from Dudley Volunteer Centre, said: "Many of us know people who give their time every day to make our local communities even more vibrant."

## Massive

"Dudley Volunteer Awards is a fantastic opportunity to thank these people for the massive difference that they make and we are delighted that people who were recognised last year have joined us to call for nominations".

Nomination forms can be picked up from borough libraries and Dudley Council Plus or downloaded from [www.dudleycvcs.org.uk](http://www.dudleycvcs.org.uk).

# Motorcyclists roar in with charity cash

A STOURBRIDGE motorcycle club has raised hundreds of pounds for a Birmingham charity.

The Railway Rally Club in Lye raised £500 for the Ronald McDonald House, a charity and donation-funded home allowing accommodation for families with children being treated at Birmingham Children's Hospital.

Members organised a fun day at the Railway Pub, Pedmore Road, which included a barbecue, games, competition and live music. There was also a 1980s-themed disco and the Wolverhampton bobsled team also made an appearance dressed as Oompah-Loompahs.

Organiser Nicki O'Sullivan said: "I am so pleased we were able to raise such a fantastic amount of money for a great cause. The Ronald McDonald House acts as a lifeline to many families and it is the club's charity of the year."

"I would like to thank everybody who turned up and showed their support during the day and donated money."

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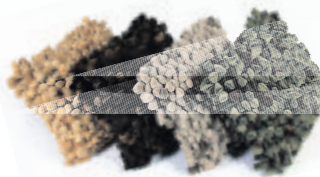
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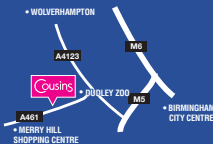
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## NEWS

## The beat goes on as academy celebrates

FAMOUS musicians will be beating the drum for a Hale-sown academy celebrating its 10th anniversary.

Midland Academy of Drumming was launched by Kidderminster musician Andy Edwards following his stint as drummer for rock legend Robert Plant.

And over the years it has gone from strength-to-strength teaching hundreds of aspiring drummers new skills and techniques. To celebrate its first 10 years, the academy, in James Scott Road, will welcome a host of famous drummers over the coming months.

### Proud

Among them will be Paul Weller's long-time drummer Andy White on August 29 and Paul Stewart from The Feeling in October. Andy White, who has performed with the Who and Oasis, will hold a drum clinic.

Mr Edwards, who runs the academy with Dave Mason, said he was proud to be celebrating the 10th anniversary.

"It really has been a huge success," he said.

"We have 150 students at the moment and I have lost count of the numbers who have come through the doors over the years.

For details, go to [midlandacademyofdrumming.co.uk](http://midlandacademyofdrumming.co.uk)



Drumming up success Andy Edwards, left, with Dave Mason at the Lidland Academy of Drumming

## Objectors labelled snobs as housing plan backed

**CONTROVERSIAL plans to build 70 homes in Hagley, near Stourbridge, have been given the go-ahead – despite objections from hundreds of worried residents.**

Some of the objections raised to social housing were described as snobbery. Bromsgrove District Council's planning committee last week approved the scheme, off Western Road, close to where Cala is set to build more than 175 properties.

Worcestershire county councillor Rachel Jenkins, from Hagley Action

Group, which raised a 500-name petition against the latest plan, said: "We would as a community accept that we have to have some social housing."

"But we don't want a development affecting the character of the area." She suggested that some of the social housing requirements that are part of the scheme should be transferred over to developments nearer Bromsgrove, which she said had a greater need for affordable homes.

As part of the project, thousands of pounds would be invested in the area by the developers, including more than £200,000 on local roads and nearly £50,000 for Hagley and Belbroughton

medical centres. It would also see investment in schools as well as more parking in Hagley centre.

Greg Mitchell, of planning consultants Peter Frampton, the firm behind the Western Road development, said it would lead to investment in the community.

Labour Councillor Christine McDonald said: "The report clearly shows that Hagley needs more affordable homes."

"The policy of having a 40 per cent target for affordable homes is to create a more mixed community."

"And I'm afraid to say that some of these objections seem like snobbery."

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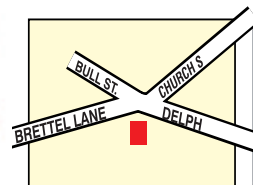
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## Red card for racism is footballers' lesson



Students Tess Walker and Alex Cameron, both 13, with Luther Blissett and Osei Sankofa

FOOTBALLERS joined students to show racism the red card during a packed day of activities at their school. Pupils at Dudley's Castle High School helped kick start their own Respect campaign by hosting the players for the event.

Former Watford and AC Milan player and England star Luther Blissett visited the school to meet pupils and host workshops. He was joined by fellow footballers including ex-Charlton Athletic player Osei Sankofa.

They aim to dispel some of the myths about racism and talk about their own experiences on the football field.

Year 8 pupils also enjoyed football fitness sessions and the day was rounded off with an assembly led by the players as part of the Show Racism the Red Card roadshow.

Deputy headteacher Ian Moore said: "The students respect the footballers and look up to them so they listen when the players talk about their own experiences."

## Thieves strip gas pipes from home for second time

THIEVES have stripped gas pipes from a home in Coseley for the second time in five weeks.

The raiders struck at Robert Wynd, causing distress for 66-year-old Glenis Pearce who is a full-time carer to her disabled husband, John, 70.

She first noticed the pipes, which were replacements for ones stolen on June 12, were missing from the wall of her home on Sunday morning of last week.

Mrs Pearce, who cares for her husband John said she was shocked by the theft.

"I couldn't believe it had happened again," she said. "My husband is severely disabled and has four carers visit each day.

"We need the gas to keep

the house warm. They were covered in anti-theft paint, which means it will be all over the people who took them."

More than half a dozen properties were targeted in the first raids in June.

Terraced houses in nearby Clifton Street were among those hit.

Mrs Pearce had been woken by a loud noise at 4am and when she went downstairs she could smell gas. Fire crews from Dudley and Bilston were called to Clifton Street after residents reported a strong smell of gas at 7am.

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## NEWS

### Couple in saddle again for charity ride



**Kaye and John Bonnett, who are going to be taking part in their second cycle ride for cancer charities**

A COUPLE will be getting in the saddle to take on a second charity cycle in under a year – all in the name of raising money for cancer charities. John and Kaye Bonnett, from Albion Street, Brierley Hill, will set out on a 140-mile ride from Whitehaven, Cumbria, to Newcastle on September 3. It comes almost a year after the pair finished a 1,050-mile bike ride across Britain in 14 days, raising more than £2,000 for Mary Stevens Hospice. This year, the couple hope to raise even more cash for Macmillan Cancer Support in memory of Mr Bonnett's mother Marlene. Mr Bonnett, aged 31, is a driver for Whittle Coaches, Kidderminster. Mrs Bonnett, 30, is a cleaner at the Glassworks pub in Stourbridge. People wishing to donate can visit [www.justgiving.com/john-and-kaye-cycling-for-charity](http://www.justgiving.com/john-and-kaye-cycling-for-charity)

## Anger ends traffic calming

**LONG-AWAITED work to alter controversial speed measures in Kinner High Street, which were installed as part of £900,000 revamp, has started.**

Workers are also making changes to the disabled parking, repaving and resurfacing footpaths and extending waiting restrictions.

It is expected to take six weeks and council chiefs believe it will help to relieve congestion but warned of possible disruption while it takes place.

The pinch points were installed following an improvement project in 2010 but they sparked complaints.

Cabinet member for transport, Councillor Simon Tagg, said: "These new measures will be of great help to both motorists and pedestrians, creating a safer environment as well as improving traffic flow along the High Street."

He said following complaints, the council carried out a road safety review and set up a working group with villagers and parish councillors.

Kinner resident Bob Clarke, of Jenks Avenue, said he welcomed the changes. "These pinch points have been causing hold ups so it should make the traffic flow better," he said.

Following the completion of the first work in 2011, householders sent in their views on the scheme. Of the 252 letters sent to Kinner Parish Council, 202 criticised the pinch points.

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## NEWS

# Volunteers to step up security at vandal-plagued churchyard

**SECURITY has been stepped up at a Dudley church following vandalism which has outraged campaigners working to reopen it.**

A family grave dating back 130 years was smashed in a recent attack and now the lychgate entrance to St John's Church, Kates Hill has been covered in graffiti.

The preservation group which is fundraising to enable the church to be used by the community appealed for volunteers to help patrol the grounds.

Teams have been re-recruited to keep an eye out

for troublemakers to protect the churchyard. They will be walking around the site, dressed in high visibility jackets and armed with cameras to record evidence, in a bid to deter thieves.

Deb Brownlee, chairman of St John's Church Preservation Group, said: "We are asking people to make a commitment of two hours a month to assist with this."

"The grounds, and views are too beautiful and peaceful to have them spoilt by a handful of selfish, thoughtless, mannerless idiots."

Volunteers will also be briefed on the history of the building and the graveyard stories, so they can double as tour guides for visitors. The preservation group is waiting to hear whether it can

lease the building from the Church Commissioners as part of its plans to re-open it to the public.

The stone which was damaged bore the names of Sarah Cautherington, who died on July 10, 1884, in her 67th year; her husband James, who followed her to the grave, aged 77, 12 years later, and their daughter Mary Ann Cautherington, who was 59 when she passed away in 1899.

Mrs Brownlee is appealing for descendants of the Cautheringtons to contact her on 07871 195042 or email [savestjohnschurch@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:savestjohnschurch@hotmail.co.uk)

# Campaigners demand new crossing over road

CYCLISTS and athletes are calling for a new crossing to be installed across a busy dual carriageway outside their club stadium to improve safety.

Campaigners say improved access to Halesowen Athletics and Cycling Club would boost participation and help them attract new members to build on the legacy of the Olympics.

Residents and ward councillors have voiced concerns about the dangers of trying to cross the busy A456 Manor Way between Kidderminster, Hagley and Stourbridge and the M5.

Pedestrians often precariously climb crash barriers separating the carriageways to cross in front of traffic. There are also concerns pedestrians cross between cars

and lorries as they queue at the Grange Hill island and have called for more signage. The call follows the death of Tipton motorcyclist Nick Foster who died after a collision near the Sandvik plant on June 7.

Club members also voiced concerns about speeding on the road which has been subjected to numerous checks by neighbourhood police in recent weeks.

## Meet

More than 600 people, many of which are aged under 18, are members of both the athletics and cycling club which meets at Manor Abbey Stadium.

Dudley's transport boss Councillor Khurshid Ahmed said he was planning to meet the club officials within two weeks.

## Students boldly go to space agency



Pupils Zoe Heeley and Jack Bishop with teachers Anna Pinto and Spencer Willis outside the school observatory

STAR-GAZING students have been given a glimpse of life as an astronaut during a school trip. Year 10 pupils and teachers from The Kingswinford School travelled to the European Space Agency in Noordwijk, Netherlands.

The group was treated to a presentation hosted by astronaut Andre Kuipers, who provided an inside view of life in space as part of the event Mission X - Train Like An Astronaut. Students also had a chance to take part in an astronaut school, receiving tips direct from astronauts training in Houston. The students were among a select group of only 50 children chosen to represent their countries.

The school's director of science, Anna Pinto, said: "Space exploration is an international business. It was an honour to represent our school, the UK and to be able to share the successes and ideas of our school."

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## NEWS

## Teacher ups sticks after 35 years



Giving a guard of honour to teacher Jo Hall after 35 years of teaching are, from left, Sasha Jones, Jaz Townsend, Ellie Warren, Katie Wright, Elise Farrington, Chloe Tranter and Laura Jayne Mullett

PE teacher Jo Hall has passed on her love for sport to generations of young people during her 35 year career.

She even taught hockey to up and coming players who have had international success and live out their Olympic dream.

Now Miss Hall is hanging up her hockey stick and boots as she retires as head of PE at The Crestwood School, Kingswinford.

Miss Hall is originally from Stalybridge, Greater Manchester, and upped sticks to the West Midlands to find work after she completed her

teaching qualifications.

She started as a newly-qualified teacher at Crestwood in 1978, eventually progressing to being head of department 17 years ago.

Her main love has been hockey but she has also been a keen tennis and basketball player over the years.

## Figure

Two of her students have gone on to enjoy success in hockey with Sarah Fellows playing for England and Jennie Bimson winning a place in the GB squad for the Beijing Olympics. Colleagues said Miss Hall has also been

an instrumental figure in the promotion of girls' sport within Dudley.

She has been vice chairman of the Dudley Association of Girls' Sport and has helped organise annual hockey tournaments.

"I have really enjoyed my time here at Crestwood as the children have been great," said Miss Hall who lives in Gornal, Dudley.

"Getting to see them take up sport and enjoy it has been good. I have had a fantastic time but I want to do different things now."



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## NEWS

# Crash driver learned of death via Facebook post

## Boost for deaf children



Gill Pillar, left, and Shelagh James, with teacher Dawn Bevington, seated, and parents and children from the Dudley Deaf Children's Society, with pupils from Ashwood Park Primary School, Stourbridge

A CHARITY helping deaf children has spent more than £3,000 on new technology to be used in schools in Dudley borough.

Dudley Deaf Children's Society secretary Shelagh James handed over the Parrot Plus 2 to Dudley Council's head of hearing impairment service Gill Pillar at Ashwood Park Primary School, Stourbridge.

The equipment will mean teachers and carers will have a better idea of the extent of deafness in the child.

It will help them build an education programme around the children. The equipment cost £3,100 and was partly paid for thanks to a community grant from The Co-operative.

It comes as schools see a gradual rise in the number of children with hearing impairments they admit each year.

Across the borough's schools there is about 400 children with hearing problems. At Ashwood there are about 40.

THE driver of a car that knocked down a 21-year-old who died hours later of his injuries discovered what he had done the next morning on Facebook, an inquest has heard.

Thomas Cox was hit by a car in Sedgley on the evening of his birthday, and died the following morning, the inquest in Smethwick heard yesterday.

Driver Ben Davies, who had failed to stop at the scene of the accident, told police the next day that he heard the 'bang' but 'didn't know what it was' at the time.

In the police interview which was read out at the hearing, Davies, of Old Park Road, Dudley, told officers: "I didn't know what had happened until this morning, I saw it on Facebook."

He added that a friend had posted an appeal for the driver to come forward.

He said: "It was just on there, it was on the news feed."

It was after seeing this appeal that he told his parents what had happened, and visited the police station.

### Appeared

The hearing heard that no-one witnessed the hit-and-run collision which happened at around 11pm on November 17.

Mr Cox, of Turton Road, Tipton, was discovered lying on the pavement, and he was taken to hospital. The ex-Willingsworth High School pupil died the next day from head injuries.

During the police interview which was read out at the inquest, Davies said he was driving towards Dudley on Dudley Road, Sedgley, near the Leopard pub.

The 21-year-old said: "It just appeared. I just hit it like. It was on my side of the car."

He told officers he didn't have time to brake. He slowed down but did not stop. Assistant deputy coroner Angus Smillie recorded a verdict of accidental death.

In April, Davies was jailed for 26 weeks after he admitted failing to stop at the scene of an accident.

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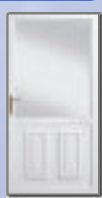
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From left, Kevin Gallagher, of Deeley Construction, Holly Hall Academy chair of governors Michael Price, Steve Turner, of Deeley, students Harrison Johal and Sophie Gibbons, estate manager Terry Nolan, Deeley's Keith Bird and head Graham Lloyd

## Work starts on £1.6m academy sports hall

WORK has started on a £1.6 million project to build a sports hall at Holly Hall Academy Dudley. It will include four badminton courts and a dance studio.

The development is being created by Deeley Construction after bosses at the academy, off Scotts Green Road, secured funding from a government scheme.

A full-size basketball court, space for netball and handball and a fitness suite kitted out with modern gym equipment will also form part of the development.

The sports hall is due to be completed by March 31 2014.

It will bring much-needed sports facilities to the academy after its existing sports hall suffered severe water damage in recent years resulting in £30,000 running repairs.

### Thrilled

Principal Graham Lloyd said: "We are absolutely thrilled.

"Our current indoor PE facilities are very poor for an academy of this size, so we are excited to welcome the new sports facilities.

"Teaching children about healthy living and keeping fit is at the heart of our PE curriculum and we already produce fantastic sports results. These new facilities will enable us to offer a wider range of sports activi-

ties that will not only benefit this generation but also future generations to come.

"It has been a fantastic year for British sport and we really want to drive our academy's sports participation. We cannot wait for it to be completed."

Martin Gallagher, boss at Deeley Construction, said he hoped to carry on the success of their previous involvement with the academy which included the construction of a new technology teaching block.

He said: "We are looking forward to working with the academy on this new development, which will see the construction of a fantastic purpose-built sports hall for all of the students and staff to enjoy.

"Sports activities are an important part of an academy's curriculum and we are thrilled to be involved in creating facilities that will help to develop the sporting skills of young people."

## Bakery rises up thanks to grant

A YOUNG entrepreneur who won Prince's Trust dough to establish a traditional bakery has opened it. Adam Durnin, aged 26, of Horace Street, Coseley, was awarded £4,000 to launch The Olde Bakehouse, Woodcross.

The father of one, who used to work at the Black Country Living Museum, will use his experience of following old-fashioned recipes to offer traditional fare including lardy cakes, bread pudding and loaf cakes, as well as pastries at the shop in Childs Avenue.

The shop has also been deliberately laid out so customers can see how everything is being made.

Mr Durnin said before Staurday's opening: "We've had to overcome a few hurdles.

"We've had to get electric ovens because there was no gas supply to the property but we're just glad to be



Baker Adam Durnin

opening it now." Funding has covered set-up costs of the venture, including bakery equipment.

MThe shop includes wooden flooring and shelves. Mr Durnin said he would still sell some modern treats.

The business will create two jobs initially.

## Date set for hearing over tutor sackings

A DATE has been set for an employment tribunal brought by four lecturers who were sacked by Halesowen College and have claimed unfair dismissal.

David Muritu and Jason White together with two other tutors have lodged their case for an employment tribunal hearing in Birmingham to be heard on November 13.

A 12,500-strong petition has been collected by members of the University and College Union in protest at the sackings.

The lecturers have been holding talks with their solicitors since the decision to dismiss the four.

Mr Muritu said the sacking had left him 'in limbo' for months but has now been able to find a new teaching post starting in September.

College principal Keith Bate has said its stance was taken 'to address concerns about performance and attainment' by students being taught by the tutors.

The college said Mr Muritu did not perform to standards expected but the lecturer said that he was rated 'good'.

## Call for better signs on sharp-bend road

DRIVERS are putting lives at risk by failing to negotiate a sharp bend along a busy Dudley road properly - with cars regularly plunging into a stone wall.

At least one vehicle a week is miscalculating the bend, at the junction of Church Street and Temple Street, Gornal, and hitting the wall outside St Peter's Church, according to residents.

A footpath runs along the bend and people fear it is only a matter of time before a pedestrian is badly hurt or killed if the situation continues.

Hundreds of residents use the footpath to walk to and from Gornal village every day. Red Hall Primary School is further down the road and the path is used by children and their parents.

Residents say there have already been a number of 'near misses' along the route. A campaign has now been launched for better signs and chevrons to be installed along the road.

Councillors for the village and Dudley North MP Ian Austin are now pressing for council action.

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## NEWS

# Thief walked out of pub carrying viagra machine

## College tees up contest

STOURBRIDGE College's Centre of Sporting Excellence is organising an open golf tournament for anyone aged under 18 with a golfing handicap.

The event, on August 13, will be held at Hagley Golf & Country Club, starting at 1pm.

It will include an 18-hole stroke play medal, closest to the pin and longest drive awards.

David Faulkner, golf academy co-ordinator at the college, said: "Our new golf academy is going from strength to strength as part of our Centre of Sporting Excellence, allowing school leavers to continue playing the sport they love whilst studying for an academic qualification."

### Welcome

One such student is Kathryn Brookes, who is studying golf at the college.

Entries must be received by August 9 and entry forms are available on the website [www.stourbridge.ac.uk](http://www.stourbridge.ac.uk)

Hagley golf professional Paul Johnson said: "Even if you're not at college or looking to take up a place on the golf academy you are more than welcome to come and enjoy our facilities."

More information is available by ringing 01384 399641.



College golfing student Kathryn Brookes

**A THIEF removed a machine filled with packs of herbal viagra from the men's toilets at a Stourbridge pub before walking off with it under his arm, a court heard.**

Sean Michael Fitzgerald tore the machine off the wall at the Britannia Pub, Wollaston High Street, at around 9.20pm on March 29.

Dudley Magistrates Court heard that the 38-year-old had been caught on CCTV. He had left the pub with the machine under his arm wrapped in a black plastic bag.

The court was told last week that Fitzgerald, of Armstrong Close, Stourbridge, had caused £50 damage to the wall. The machine was worth £100 and contained money and tablets totalling £120.

He pleaded guilty to theft and was given a three-year conditional discharge and ordered to pay compensation of £220.

He also has to pay a £100 towards the cost of the case and a £15 victim surcharge.

### Problems

Mrs Lynda Gudgeon, prosecuting, said: "CCTV stills were viewed by police showing the defendant removing the machine from the wall and walking out of the pub. This was how he was identified by police."

Mr Mandeep Bassi, defending, said his client had rehabilitated himself from a drug addiction but now had problems with alcohol dependency. He said Fitzgerald was already serving a community order for an unrelated matter and urged the court to let this continue as he was getting help with his alcohol addiction.

"He has been making great progress with this and has attended every session with the probation service," he said.

"This crime predates him being given this order. I would ask he be given the opportunity to continue getting help."

Magistrates agreed to this when sentencing, giving credit for his guilty plea.

Pub landlord Wayne Etheridge previously said he had been left "shocked" by the theft and had never known anything like it.

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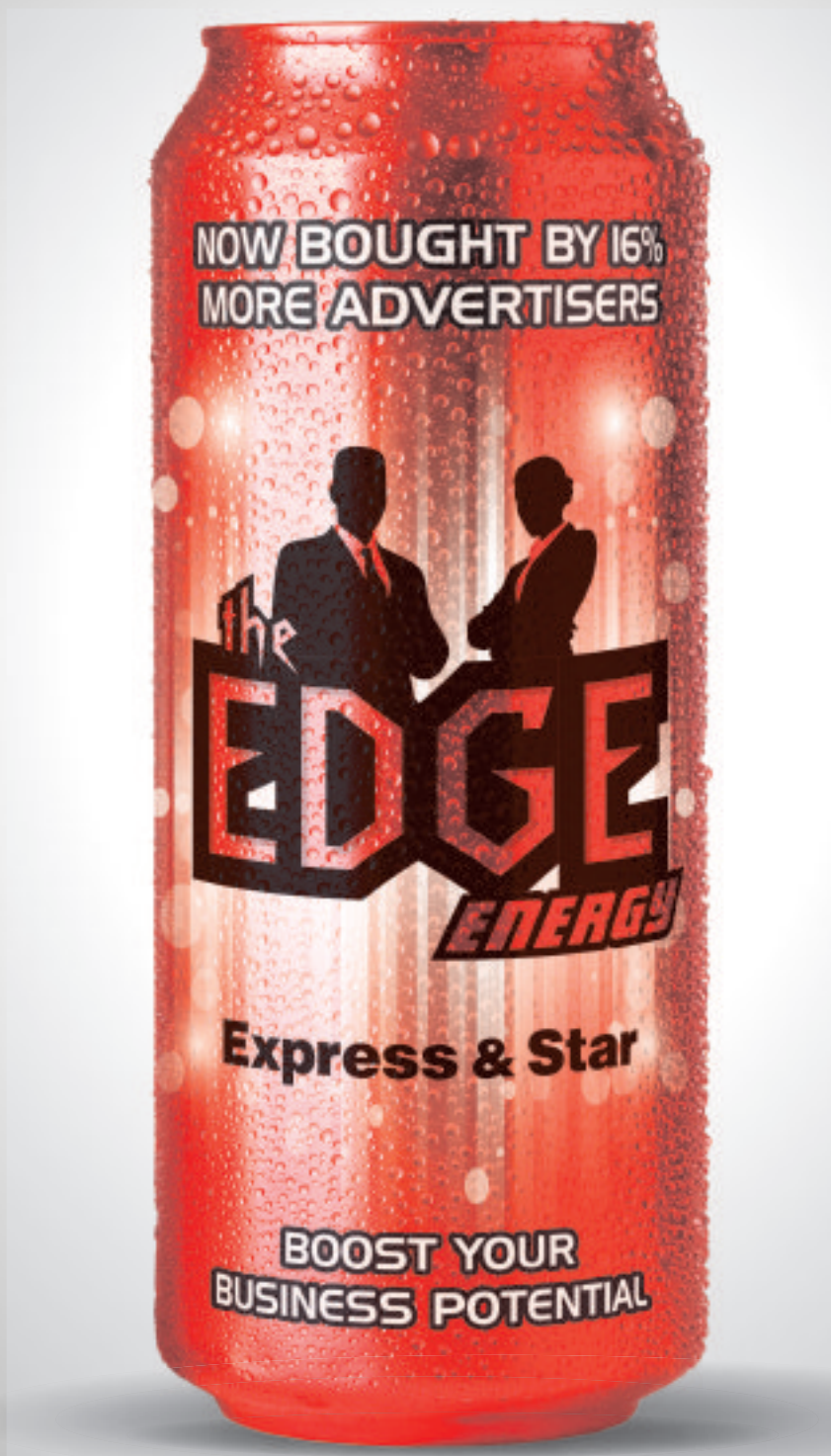
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## CLUB NEWS

## Federation members welcomed

## President Doreen is on fourth term

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THE July meeting was opened by Chairman of the day Liz Hubbard who welcomed Margaret Brookes and Joyce Major – representatives from the federation, guild members and visitors.

Secretary Liz Moseley, gave details of a trip to Boundary Mill and a future canal trip. The federation report, given by Ann Birchell, contained details of the Harvest Supper on Wednesday October 9th at Wollaston Village Hall.

The next lunch meeting will be at the Holly Bush, Penn on August 5th.

The next coffee morning will be at the home of Pat Caddick on Wednesday July 17 and at Margaret Ford's on August 14 both, 10.30am.

Tickets for the forthcoming show The Full Monty on September 25 at the Grand Theatre, Wolverhampton, are going well and a possible outing to a Tinsel & Turkey visit may be arranged.

The guild will book a table at the Community Association Christmas Bazaar on December 7 with a 'prize every time tombola'.

The chairman then introduced Lizzie Spicer who gave a very interesting talk about The History of Handbags.

The next group meeting will be on Monday August 19 when there will be a Harvest Table Sale followed by entertainment. Wordsley Guild meets every third Monday of the month at Wordsley Green Community Centre, 10am.



New President of Sedgley & Wombourne Inner Wheel Club, Doreen Pike, third from left, with fellow members at Wombourne carnival. This is the second time since being District Chairman and fourth time overall Doreen has held this office. In her spare time she is also the organist at Wombourne Methodist Church.

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## Birthday dinner a success

THE monthly meeting of Grange E guild was held at Grange Court, Stourbridge on July 2.

Chairman Hazel Smith presided. Jill Attwood reported the birthday dinner at the Vine Inn, Clent, had been a huge success. Marlene O'Hanlon reported the lunch club was still going well. Marlene also gave further information

**GRANGE E GUILD**

regarding shoe boxes which members were asked to fill with items for children.

The speaker for the evening was Patricia Boyd who gave a very interesting talk called What the Butler Saw. A vote of thanks was given by the chairman.

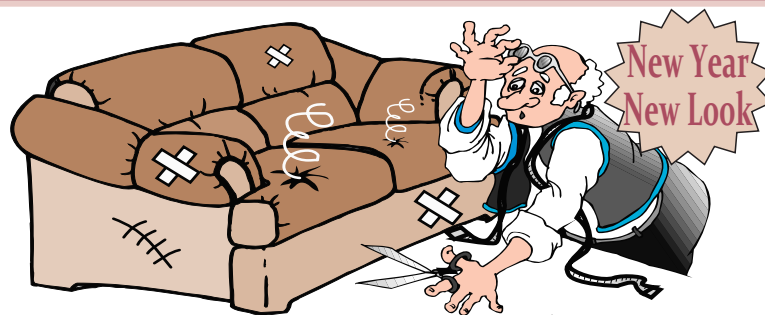
All members attending the West Midlands Federa-

tion Luncheon at the Mill Hotel, Alveley were informed reception would be at 11.30am for lunch at 12.30pm. The raffle was drawn and prizes awarded.

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Many men are unaware of this potential killer and think that increasing urinary symptoms are part of getting older but by the time prostate cancer starts to produce symptoms it can be too late to offer a cure. The earliest symptom of curable prostate cancer is to have no symptoms at all and so how can this disease be found at such an early and treatable stage?

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# What's On! *Halesowen*

## Families invited to a mini safari

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Bumble Hold Visitors' Centre, Windmill End, Netherton, is hosting the event on August 14 from 10am to 4pm.

Terry Evans, vice chairman of the Bumble Hole Conservation Group, said: "A warm welcome will be given to families wishing to enjoy a lovely day."

The activities will all be free and the attractions will include a visit by furry animals from Dudley Zoo, pond dipping, live music.

## Doors to dancing sessions to open

A DANCE company in Halesowen is opening its doors to youngsters during the summer holidays.

Spindle Collective, in Lutley Community Centre, Brookwillow Road, has set up dance and theatre sessions for 10-18 year olds.

The sessions run from August 5 to 9 from 10am until 3pm and cost £10. To book call 07794 491489 or email spindlecollective@gmail.com.

## Art on display

A HALESOWEN art group is holding its annual exhibition. Members of the Black Country Artists will display their work at Hurst Green Methodist Church on Narrow Lane, from August 12 to the 17 at 10.30am. Admission is free.

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LG Arena gig – Will.i.am

## Mitchel ready to rock Robin

A UNIVERSITY of Wolverhampton student who reached the finals of TV talent show The Voice will perform at the Robin 2 in Bilston next month.

Mitchel Emms will be at Mount Pleasant venue on September 11 with MisterNothing, the 19-year-old's alternative rock project. The Burntwood teenager made it to the quarter finals of The Voice after being selected by Script singer Danny O'Donoghue. Since the show, he has finished his live album, entitled All My Favourite Bands are Dead, to be released this autumn.

"I've had some great times at The Robin 2 and we're really looking to blow the roof of the place this time round with our new headline show," he said.

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Brigit Forsyth, left, and Sian Phillips in Alan Bennett's play People, re-opening the Rep

## The Rep re-opens to People

BIRMINGHAM Repertory Theatre re-opens to the public after its two-and-a-half-year closure and major refurbishment with the popular National Theatre production of Alan Bennett's latest People.

Selina Cadell from the original London cast will be joined by two veteran actresses, Sian Phillips and Brigit Forsyth, both probably best known for their roles in I Claudius and Whatever Happened to the Likely Lads respectively.

The comic and poignant play tells of a culture clash as the elderly owner of a stately home comes under pressure from her archdeacon sister to turn it over to the National Trust.

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Dudley councillor and cabinet member for environment and culture, Tracy Wood, said: "We are really privileged to have this collection on loan."

## History society is to host talk

THE history society in the village of Belbroughton, near Stourbridge, will hear about plans to restore the gardens of Hagley Hall.

The talk, by Joe Hawkins, head gardener at the stately home, will be at Belbroughton Church Hall on September 18. A meeting will be held at 7.45pm with the talk at 8pm. Non-members welcome. Admission is £2.50.

## Museum sleuths

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He may not have been as regular on TV as he was back in the 1980s and 1990s, but Mel Smith remains one of the most instantly recognisable faces in British comedy. His death on July 19 shocked those who grew up watching him in the likes of Not the Nine O'Clock News, Colin's Sandwich, and Muck and Brass. But it was for his partnership with Griff Rhys Jones that Smith will probably forever be remembered. This documentary features clips from many of his most memorable projects, as well as tributes from his friends and fans.

## BBC1

**6.00 Breakfast.** 10.00 Saturday Kitchen Live. 11.30 Lorraine's Fast, Fresh and Easy Food. (R) 12.00 BBC News: Regional News. Weather. 12.15 Bargain Hunt. (R) 1.00 Swimming: World Championships. 2.30 Live Golf: The Women's British Open. 4.25 Final Score. 5.15 BBC News: Regional News. Weather. 5.35 Film: Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade. (1989). Action adventure sequel, starring Harrison Ford. 7.30 1 Love My Country. New series. Gabby Logan hosts this celebrity game show. 8.20 The National Lottery: Break the Safe. Nick Knowles hosts the game show in which three pairs compete in several quiz rounds, with the winners playing for the money in the safe. 9.10 Casualty. Trainee doctor Lily uncovers a link between three apparently unconnected patients, while Dixie helps a woman knocked over by a cyclist. Honor Blackman guest stars. 10.00 Mrs Brown's Boys. Dermot gets cold feet in the run-up to his wedding. (R) 10.30 BBC News: Weather; National Lottery Update. 10.50 Michael McIntyre's Comedy Roadshow. Featuring Patrick Kielty, Neil Delamere, Jeff Green and Kerry Godliman. (R) 11.35 The Football League Show. Manish Bhasin presents highlights and all the goals from today's fixtures in the Championship, League One and League Two, on the opening weekend of the Football League season. 12.55 Weather. 1.00 BBC News.

## BBC2

**6.00 This Is BBC Two.** 7.00 Film: The Adventures of Michael Strogoff. (1937) 8.20 Film: The Private Affairs of Bel Ami. (1947) 10.10 Reel History of Britain. (R) 10.40 The Private Life of Plants. (R) 11.30 University Challenge. (R) 12.00 The A to Z of TV Cooking. 12.45 Talking Pictures. 1.25 Film: Hotel Reserve. (1944) 2.55 Flog It! (R) 3.25 Wild Shepherdess with Kate Humble. (R) 4.25 Live Golf: The Women's British Open. 6.00 Swimming: World Championships. Gabby Logan presents coverage from the Palau Sant Jordi in Barcelona, where this evening's session features the finals of five events and heats in three others. 7.30 Proms Extra 2013. With guests Julian Joseph, Tarik O'Regan and Tamara Rojo. 8.10 David Starkey's Music & Monarchy. How Great Britain's dominance as a military and economic power in the 18th century inspired patriotic classics, and a look at the pieces Handel wrote for the royal family. 9.10 Top of the Lake. A violent incident sees Robin thrown off the case, but she carries on her investigation unofficially and uncovers mobile-phone footage suggesting Tui might still be alive. 10.10 A Tribute to Mel Smith. Griff Rhys Jones remembers his friend and former comedy partner, who died last month. 10.45 Not Again: Not the Nine O'Clock News. The inside story of the comedy sketch show. (R) 12.15 Film: The Children. (2008) 1.35 Film: Devils of Darkness. (1965) 3.00 This Is BBC Two.

## ITV

**6.00 CITV:** Jake and the Neverland Pirates. 6.15 Jake and the Neverland Pirates. 6.25 Poppy Cat. 6.40 Poppy Cat. 6.50 Canimals. (R) 7.00 Canimals. (R) 7.10 Bookaboo. 7.20 Kick Buttocks! - Suburban Daredevil. 7.35 The Avengers: Earth's Mightiest Heroes. 8.00 Gravity Falls. 8.25 ITV News. 8.30 Dinner Date. (R) 9.25 Saturday Cookbook. (R) 10.20 Murder, She Wrote. (R) 11.20 Saturday Farm. 12.20 ITV News: Weather. 12.25 All Star Mr & Mrs. (R) 1.25 Midsomer Murders. (R) 3.25 Film: Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban. (2004) 6.00 Regional Programme: Weather. 6.15 ITV News: Weather. 6.30 You've Been Framed! (R) 7.00 You've Been Framed! (R) 7.30 Four of the celebrities impersonate one final line-up of pop and rock stars, competing to win £50,000 for charity. Alesha Dixon and Paddy McGuinness host. Last in the series. 8.45 All Star Family Fortunes. Coronation Street stars Charlie Condou (Marcus) and Paula Lane (Kylie) team up with their families in an attempt to win big money for charity. Vernon Kay hosts. Last in the series. 9.45 The Americans. The FBI hunts for Amador's murderer. 10.35 ITV News: Weather. 10.50 Film: Air America. (1990) Vietnam War comedy adventure, with Mel Gibson, Robert Downey Jr, Nancy Travis and Burt Kwouk. 12.55 Jackpot247. 3.00 The Jeremy Kyle Show USA. 3.45 ITV Nightscreen.

## CHANNEL 4

**6.00 The Treacle People.** (R) 6.10 The Hoobs. (R) 6.35 The Hoobs. (R) 7.00 British F3. 7.30 The Grid. 8.00 The Morning Line. 9.00 Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) 9.30 Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) 10.00 Frasier. (R) 10.35 Frasier. (R) 11.00 The Big Bang Theory. (R) 11.30 The Big Bang Theory. (R) 12.00 The Simpsons. (R) 12.30 Undercover Boss Canada. (R) 1.30 Channel 4 Racing. 4.20 Come Dine with Me. (R) 4.50 Come Dine with Me. (R) 5.20 Come Dine with Me. (R) 5.55 Come Dine with Me. (R) 6.25 Channel 4 News. 6.55 Ramadan Diaries. Short films following British Muslims as they observe the holy month of Ramadan and talk about the effects of fasting. Part of the 4Ramadan season. 7.00 Grand Designs. Kevin McCloud revisits Mirni and Andre da Costa, who set out to construct a sustainable two-storey timber house in the Kent countryside, heated by glass panels. (R) 8.00 Film: X-Men. (2000) Mutant outsiders with strange powers fight to defend mankind from a superhuman terrorist faction. Sci-fi comic-book adventure, starring Hugh Jackman and Patrick Stewart. 10.00 Film: Kick-Ass. (2010) Premiere. A teenager sets out to become a superhero, but finds real-life crime-fighting much more dangerous than in comics. Action comedy, starring Aaron Johnson and Nicolas Cage. 12.15 Rude Tube. (R) 1.15 Film: Aeon Flux. (2005) 2.50 Hollywood. (R) 5.05 Deal or No Deal. (R)

## CHANNEL 5

**6.00 Milkshake!** 10.15 Power Rangers: Megaforce. 10.50 Sluggert. 11.10 Meerkat Manor. (R) 11.45 Big Brother: Live Eviction. (R) 1.10 Film: A Bridge Too Far. (1977) Fact-based Second World War drama, with Dirk Bogarde. 4.30 CSI: NY. (R) 5.30 Film: Jesse Stone: No Remorse. (2010) Detective thriller, starring Tom Selleck. 7.00 Cricket: The Ashes. England v Australia. Mark Nicholas presents highlights of the third day of the Third Test at Old Trafford, where the series passed the halfway point. 8.00 NCIS. Part two of two. The safe house is attacked, leaving Vance in hospital and Eli missing, but with all the Palestinians accounted for it is unclear who was responsible. (R) 8.55 NCIS. The agents are asked by the deputy district attorney to search for a missing Navy officer scheduled to testify in a forthcoming murder trial. (R) 9.50 5 News Weekend. 10.00 Big Brother. Highlights of another 24 hours in the Big Brother house, including coverage of the latest eviction as seen from the point of view of the contestants. 11.00 The Big Brother's Bit on the Psych. AJ Odudu is joined by a panel of psychologists and celebrity fans to analyse the housemates' behaviour. 12.00 SuperCasino. 4.00 Nick's Quest. (R) 4.25 Make It Big. (R) 4.50 Roary the Racing Car. (R) 5.10 Hana's Helpline. (R) 5.20 Angels of Jarm. (R) 5.25 The Funky Valley Show. (R) 5.40 Roary the Racing Car. (R) 5.50 Hana's Helpline. (R)

## DIGITAL

**BBC Three**  
7.00 Great Movie Mistakes III: Not in 3D 8.00 Top Gear 9.00 Film: Die Hard with a Vengeance (1995) 11.00 Family Guy 11.45 American Dad!  
**BBC Four**  
7.00 The Comet's Tale 8.00 Oceans 9.00 Wallander: The Pyramid 10.30 Folk at the BBC  
**ITV2**  
3.00 The Xtra Factor: Boys Best & Worst Ever 4.00 You've Been Framed! 6.30 Film: The Lost World: Jurassic Park (1997) 9.00 Film: Hot Fuzz (2007) 11.20 Film: Harold & Kumar Get the Munchies (2004)  
**ITV3**  
3.40 Agatha Christie's Poirot 4.50 Agatha Christie's Marple 6.50 Foyle's War 9.00 Agatha Christie's Poirot 11.00 Cold Blood  
**ITV4**  
2.20 Film: Kelly's Heroes (1970) 5.15 Live Pre-Season Football. Monaco v Tottenham Hotspur (Kick-off 5.30pm) 7.35 Black Gold 8.30 Police, Camera, Action! 9.00 Hell on Wheels 10.00 Film: Get Carter (1971)  
**E4**  
5.30 The Mindy Project 6.00 The Big Bang Theory 7.00 Suburgatory 7.30 How I Met Your Mother 8.30 Happy Endings 9.00 Film: My Stepmother is an Alien (1988) 11.10 PhoneShop 11.40 The Inbetweeners  
**Film4**  
2.45 Little Manhattan (2005) 4.30 Swiss Family Robinson (1960) 7.05 Monster-in-Land (2005). Romantic comedy, starring Jennifer Lopez and Jane Fonda. 9.00 Enemy at the Gates (2001). Second World War drama, starring Jude Law. 11.35 Adrift (2006). Thriller, with Eric Dane and Susan May Pratt.

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## CHOICE



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## Once Upon a Time

**Channel 5, 8pm**  
There's a new kid in town in the mystery fantasy but who is he? On the morning after the Dark Curse, he and his father enter Storybrooke in the year 1983, but find it hard to leave when Regina invites the pair to stay. When Kurt declines her offer, she makes Sheriff Graham arrest him for 'drunk driving' to ensure he sticks around anyway. However, after witnessing this, Kurt grabs his son, Owen, and runs for the border. Meanwhile, in present day Storybrooke, Regina is in mourning over Cora and determined to destroy Snow White.

## BBC1

**6.00** Breakfast. **9.00** BBC News. **10.00** Sunday Morning Live. **11.00** Bargain Hunt. (R) **11.30** Live Cycling. **2.00** BBC News: Weather. **2.10** Escape to the Country. (R) **2.55** Earthlight: Flying High. (R) **3.55** Songs of Praise. **4.30** Live Cycling. **6.30** **Deadly 60 on a Mission.** Steve Backshall searches for lethal animals in Sri Lanka, encountering an elusive leopard, the mugger crocodile, the Indian rock python and the blue whale. Last in the series. **7.00** **Celebrity Mastermind.** Famous faces put their knowledge to the test. (R) **7.30** **BBC News:** Regional News: Weather. **8.00** **Countryfile.** A visit to the Wyre Valley on the Welsh-English border, where Ellie Harrison goes rock climbing. Plus, a report on the controversial method of gas extraction known as fracking. Including Weather for the Week Ahead. **9.00** **The White Queen.** A sudden, unexpected turn of events leaves Elizabeth devastated – and before long friends have turned into enemies and family have become murderers as they fight for the throne. **10.00** **BBC News:** Regional News: Weather. **10.25** **Have I Got a Bit More News for You.** Satirical quiz. (R) **11.10** **Room 101 – Extra Storage.** With Terry Wogan, Phil Tufnell and Victoria Coren Mitchell. (R) **11.50** **The Sky at Night.** The team visits the UK's space cluster in Oxfordshire. **12.10** **Weatherview.** **12.15** BBC News.

## BBC2

**6.00** Film: Hindle Wakes. (1952) **7.30** Around the World in 80 Days. (R) **8.30** The Beechgrove Garden. **9.00** Gardeners' World. (R) **9.30** Saturday Kitchen Best Bites. **11.00** Raymond Blanc: How to Cook Well. (R) **11.30** EastEnders. **1.25** Flog It! (R) **1.55** Live Golf. The Women's British Open. **6.00** **Swimming: World Championships.** Gabby Logan presents coverage from the Palau Sant Jordi in Barcelona. **7.30** **Porridge.** The inmates face a day of hard labour digging drains on a lonely stretch of moorland – but try to turn the situation to their advantage. (R) **8.00** **Top Gear.** Jeremy Clarkson drives the Jaguar F-Type. Richard Hammond tests the latest Range Rover Sport and James May goes for an adventure in the New Bus for London. Last in the series. **9.00** **Das Auto: The Germans.** Their Cars and Us. Dominic Sandbrook traces the history of Germany's automobile industry and explores the role cars have played in changing the global perception of the country. **10.00** **The Real White Queen and Her Rivals.** Part two of two. The influence the three women had on the monarchy. (R) **11.00** **Film: Irresistible.** (2006) A paranoid housewife becomes convinced another woman is trying to steal her husband and takes drastic steps to protect her marriage. Thriller, with Susan Sarandon. **12.40** Sign Zone: Countryfile. (R) **1.35** Holby City. (R) **2.35** This Is BBC Two.

## ITV

**6.00** CITV: Jake and the Neverland Pirates. **6.15** Jake and the Neverland Pirates. **6.25** Poppy Cat. **6.40** Poppy Cat. **6.50** Animals. (R) **7.00** Animals. (R) **7.10** Bookaboo. (R) **7.20** Kick Buttowski – Suburban Daredevil. **7.35** The Avengers: Earth's Mightiest Heroes! **8.00** Sonny with a Chance. **8.25** ITV News. **9.30** Country House Sunday. **9.25** The Jeremy Kyle Show USA. **10.20** Murder, She Wrote. (R) **11.20** ITV News: Weather. **11.25** Film: Columbo: A Deadly State of Mind. (1975) **12.55** Love Your Garden. (R) **1.55** Fool Britannia. (R) **2.25** You've Been Framed! (R) **2.55** A Touch of Frost. (R) **5.00** Film: Liar Liar. (1997). Comedy, starring Jim Carrey. **6.30** **Regional Programme:** Weather. **6.45** ITV News: Weather. **7.00** **Tipping Point: Lucky Stars.** With Eamonn Holmes, Ruth Langford and Brian Dowling. **8.00** **All Star Mr & Mrs.** The three couples competing are West End star Ray Quinn and his wife Emma. TV presenters Lynn Faulds Wood and John Stapleton, and vocal coaches Carrie and David Grant. **9.00** **Law & Order: UK.** A woman's life is found in the Thames. **10.00** **ITV News:** Weather. **10.15** **Perspectives: David Suchet – The Mystery of Agatha Christie.** The Poirot star explores the life and work of the crime writer. (R) **11.15** **Murder, She Wrote.** A friend of Jessica is charged with murder. (R) **12.10** The Store. **2.10** Monk. (R) **2.55** Motorsport UK. **3.45** ITV Nightscreen. **5.05** The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R)

## CHANNEL 4

**6.00** The Treacle People. (R) **6.10** Blancpain Endurance Series. **7.05** Ironman 2013. **7.35** World Trail Running Championships. **8.00** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.30** Frasier. (R) **9.00** Frasier. (R) **9.30** Sunday Brunch. **12.30** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **1.00** The Simpsons. (R) **1.30** Deal or No Deal: Deafest. **2.30** Film: The Spy Next Door. (2010) **4.20** Film: Percy Jackson & the Lightning Thief. (2010) **6.35** **Channel 4 News.** **6.55** **Ramadan Diaries.** Short films following British Muslims as they observe Ramadan. **7.00** **Princess Diana's Dresses: The Auction.** The stories behind some of Diana, Princess of Wales's most memorable outfits, which were put up for auction, including a velvet gown in which she famously danced with John Travolta. (R) **8.00** **The Mill.** Esther arrives at court after assaulting overseer Charlie, while Susannah and Daniel get off to a bad start working together and Hannah attends an abolitionist meeting. **9.00** **Southcliffe.** New series. Drama set in a fictional market town where a shooting spree devastates the lives of residents. A reporter goes in search of answers. **10.00** **Film: Forrest Gump.** (1994) Oscar-winning comedy drama, starring Tom Hanks. **12.45** Film: The Good German. (2006) **2.30** The Island. (R) **2.50** Phil Spencer: Secret Agent. (R) **3.50** Kirstie's Handmade Treasures. (R) **4.00** Deal or No Deal. (R) **4.55** Secret Eaters. (R) **5.50** SuperScrimpers.

## CHANNEL 5

**6.00** Milkshake!: Peppa Pig. **6.05** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **6.15** Fifi and the Flowertots. (R) **6.25** Bubble Guppies. (R) **6.40** The Mr Men Show. (R) **6.50** Chloe's Closet. **7.00** Roobarb and Custard Too. (R) **7.10** Bananas in Pyjamas. (R) **7.25** Noddy in Toyland. (R) **7.35** Milkshake! Monkey. (R) **7.40** City of Friends. (R) **7.55** Little Princess. (R) **8.05** The Adventures of Bottle Bill and His Best Friend Corky. (R) **8.20** Mio Mao. (R) **8.25** Angelina Ballerina. (R) **8.40** Rupert Bear. (R) **8.55** Bert and Ernie's Great Adventures. (R) **9.00** Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom. (R) **9.15** Toby's Travelling Circus. **9.30** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **9.45** Jelly Jam. **10.00** Power Rangers Samurai. (R) **10.35** Sluggert. **11.00** Meerkat Manor. (R) **11.30** Big Brother. (R) **12.30** BB BOTS: Ryan's Supervised Celebrity Sunday. **1.30** World's Worst Holiday Horrors. (R) **2.30** Film: The Rocketeer. (1991) **4.40** Film: The Man in the Iron Mask. (1998) **7.00** **Cricket: The Ashes.** England v Australia. Mark Nicholas presents action from Old Trafford, where the Third Test of the five-match series continued with the fourth day's play. **8.00** **Once Upon a Time.** Regina vows to kill Snow White for her part in Cora's death. **8.55** **5 News Weekend.** **9.00** **Big Brother.** **10.00** **Film: Blade II.** (2002) Thriller with Wesley Snipes. **12.15** Love/Hate. (R) **1.15** SuperCasino. **4.00** Nick's Quest. (R) **4.25** Make It Big. (R) **4.50** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **5.00** Angels of Jarm. (R) **5.05** Hana's Helpline. (R) **5.20** Angels of Jarm. (R) **5.25** The Funky Valley Show. (R) **5.40** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **5.50** Hana's Helpline. (R)

## DIGITAL

**BBC Three**  
**7.00** Great Movie Mistakes III: Not in 3D **8.00** Shoplife **9.00** Sun, Sex and Suspicious Parents **10.00** Family Guy **10.25** Family Guy: 200 Episodes Later **10.45** Badults **11.15** American Dad!  
**BBC Four**  
**7.00** A Poet's Guide to Britain **7.30** Proms on Four: 20th Century Classics **9.15** Egypt's Lost Cities **10.45** Alan Whicker's Journey of a Lifetime **11.45** Fairport Convention: Who Knows Where the Time Goes?  
**ITV2**  
**3.00** Film: A Cinderella Story (2004) **4.55** Film: Step Up (2006) **7.00** Film: Two Weeks Notice (2002) **9.00** Film: Whip It (2009) **11.20** Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records **11.55** Hell's Kitchen **ITV3**  
**3.00** Film: Carry On Girls (1973) **4.45** Wycliffe **5.55** Agatha Christie's Poirot **9.00** Film: Bird on a Wire (1990) **11.20** A Touch of Frost  
**ITV4**  
**11.15** Live British Touring Car Championship **6.00** BRDC Formula 4 Championship Highlights **7.00** Goodwood Festival of Speed 2013 **8.00** Premiership Rugby Union **Sevens 9.00** Film: Tango & Cash (1989) **11.05** Film: Tremors (1989) **E4**  
**3.35** How I Met Your Mother **5.00** The Mindy Project **5.30** The Big Bang Theory **7.00** New Girl **7.30** How I Met Your Mother **8.00** Film: Maid in Manhattan (2002) **10.05** The Inbetweeners **10.40** Skins: Rise – Part One **11.45** Don't Trust the B-\*\*\*\* in Apartment 23  
**Film4**  
**3.10** Inspector Gadget (1999) **4.45** In Good Company (2004) **6.55** She's the Man (2006) **9.00** Star Trek (2009) **11.30** 12 Rounds (2008)

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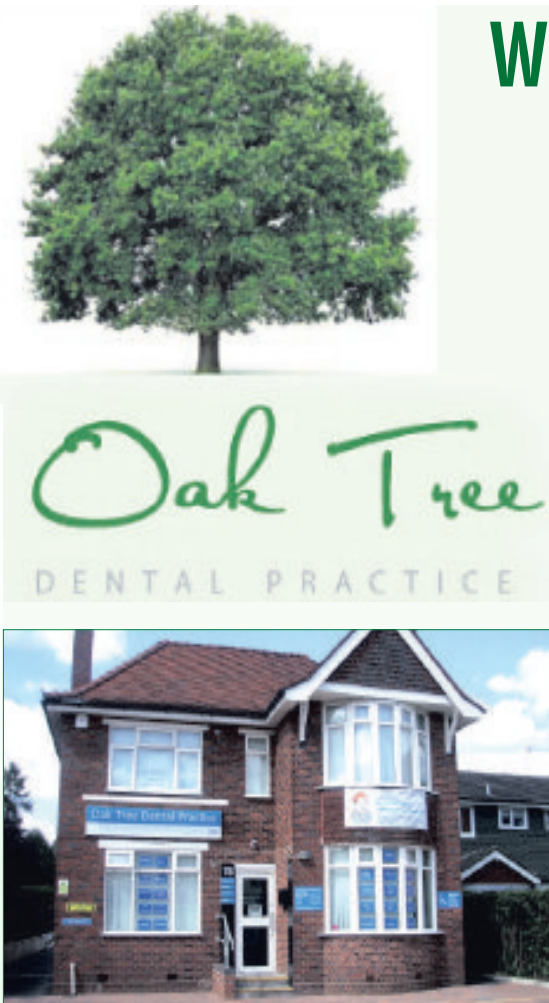
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## MONDAY

**The Thief of Bagdad, Channel 4, 1.05pm**

A daring Arabian thief finds himself imprisoned with the deposed king, and together the pair devise a plan to escape and reclaim the throne – with a little help from flying carpets, a genie, a magical jewel and an enchanted mechanical horse. Fantasy adventure, starring Sabu, Conrad Veidt, Rex Ingram, John Justin and June Duprez. (1940)

## TUESDAY

**Cocoon, Channel 4, 1.05pm**

The elderly residents of a retirement home treat themselves to an occasional dip in the pool at an abandoned house. It turns out that friendly aliens in human form are using the place to restore dormant members of their species – and energy from their cocoons is giving the old-timers a new lease of life. Ron Howard's sci-fi drama, with Wilford Brimley, Jessica Tandy, Hume Cronyn and Steve Guttenberg. (1985)

## WEDNESDAY

**Inside Man, ITV, 10.35pm**

A police hostage negotiator is called in when a robbery turns into a siege. The chairman of the bank involved is worried the mastermind behind the heist is set to disclose secrets he needs to stay hidden, so he enlists the help of a political fixer. However, the elaborate nature of the thief's plan looks set to keep him one step ahead of the law, and causes problems for the detective assigned to rectify the situation. Spike Lee's thriller, with Denzel Washington, Clive Owen, Jodie Foster, Christopher Plummer, Willem Dafoe and Chiwetel Ejiofor. (2006)



Inside Man, Wednesday, ITV, 10.35pm

## THURSDAY

**Final Analysis, BBC1, 11.35pm**

A psychiatrist treats a woman who is repressing traumatic memories. He meets his patient's sister in the hope of learning more about their troubled childhood, but they end up having an affair. The shrink later learns his lover is married to a psychopathic gangster, and is drawn into a murderous plot. Thriller, starring Kim Basinger, Richard Gere and Eric Roberts. (1992)

## FRIDAY

**Bridget Jones's Diary, ITV, 10.35pm**

A single woman begins a new year with resolutions to find love, give up her bad habits and step up the career ladder. Her plans crumble as she tries to deal with her mother's infidelity, get over a passionate fling with her boss and come to terms with her feelings for an uptight lawyer. Romantic comedy, based on Helen Fielding's novel, starring Renee Zellweger, Hugh Grant and Colin Firth. (2001)

## Pick of the Week

## David looks for answers following a tragic event

The makers of Southcliffe must have been kicking themselves when they saw Broadchurch. Like the hit ITV drama, it's set in a small, close-knit, fictional town.

It features a tragic event that rips the soul out of a marriage, a national news reporter on the hunt for answers, and a community torn apart.

So, you could say that the producers of this new, four-part drama had their thunder stolen somewhat. However, once you get into the plot and characters, it's clear that actually, the similarities are superficial – unlike Broadchurch, it's not a whodunit; the killer is known from the start – and it's more than capable of standing on its own two feet and winning a new set of fans.

Written by Tony Grisoni, who also penned Channel 4's adaptations of David Peace's Red Riding novels, it was directed by Sean Durkin, who came to prominence thanks to his acclaimed film Marha Marcy May Marlene.

Although many assumed he'd be

off to Hollywood to make something on a massive budget, Durkin preferred to return to the UK.

"I love being in the UK," he says. "I have lived in New York for 18 years. But coming back to England feels like home, and I have the chance to catch up with a few Arsenal games!"

"The whole preconception that making TV is different to film is ridiculous. You're filming drama with great actors, so there is absolutely no difference.

"All I ever want to do is create truthful moment after truthful moment. That's what directing is about; capturing something that is honest and engaging. I hope I have done that."

Southcliffe begins at dawn one morning, with the sound of gunshots. It seems that somebody has randomly opened fire on several locals, killing them and leaving their friends and relatives shocked and unable to deal with the tragedy.

As they attempt to handle their grief, reporter David Whitehead returns to Southcliffe, the town

where he grew up, in an attempt to find out what sparked the incident, and to deal with ghosts from his past.

"Southcliffe is not the story of the killer," explains Durkin. "It's the story of the journalist who goes back to report on the tragedy, and it's also about the people left behind, the community. It's about ordinary people."

Rory Kinnear plays the reporter in question, while the 'ordinary people' are portrayed by such luminaries as Eddie Marsan, Shirley Henderson and Sean Harris.

"I formed some fantastic relationships with both the cast and crew," claims the director. "When I started work on Southcliffe I didn't know anyone at all so it was like starting at a new school."

"Luckily for me, we had an incredible cast and crew working on this project and as a result of everyone being so collaborative and open it was a wonderful experience."

And in the process, he's managed to whitewash our memories of Broadchurch – for now, at least.



Rory Kinnear stars in Southcliffe, Sunday, Channel 4, 9pm

## Best of the Rest

## MONDAY

**Celebs, Brands and Fake Fans: Channel 4 Dispatches Channel 4, 8pm**

Companies don't spend thousands gaining a celebrity's endorsement for nothing. They know that fans of the personality involved are more likely to try their products if they're linked to somebody they like than if they weren't. But is every endorsement quite what it seems? Film-maker Chris Atkins isn't sure; he suspects that the rise and rise of social media has led to the development of underhand tactics by certain marketing specialists who are managing to manipulate such sites as Facebook, YouTube and Twitter to benefit their clients. But how are they managing to do this? Atkins travels to Bangladesh, where he uncovers some interesting, if disturbing, facts about the matter.

## The Billion Dollar Wreck Hunt

**Channel 5, 8pm**

Channel 5 has a canny knack for bringing us series after series focusing on the men and women around the world who have some of the most exciting jobs imaginable. Whether it's those Ioe Road Truckers or the Deadliest Catch gang, these are people for whom danger and excess are in the job description. The station's latest daring doc kicks off tonight, with a three-part series focusing on the work of deep-water salvage company Odyssey Marine Exploration, as it attempts to locate and recover treasure from three shipwrecks. First on the radar is the SS Gairsoppa, a steamer that sank in 1941 – apparently carrying a fortune in silver bullion.

## TUESDAY

**Stephen Fry's Key to the City ITV, 9pm**

We've heard the phrase 'A celebrity is granted keys to the city' countless times over the years, but what does it mean? 'Well, you'll see in the film, there are supposed benefits, which may or may not be legendary, but let's just say I push the envelope,' remarks Stephen Fry in this one-off documentary exploring his own privileges. He'll be touring the City of London, discovering the hidden mysteries of this rich and powerful square mile. Highlights include a trip to the Bank of England's vaults and drama at the London Metal Exchange as dealers buy and sell stocks. 'It's an incredible circle of people, yelling at each other so hard you think they're going to have apoplexy,' he explains.

## WEDNESDAY

**How Not to Get Old Channel 4, 8pm**

If you want a consumer guide to the anti-ageing industry, then this show should be just the ticket. The first episode centres on ageing bellies and wrinkly eyes. Two people with specific worries have surgery in an attempt to turn back the clock. Anna Richardson tries out the latest fat-reducing treatments in an attempt to get her 20-year-old's thighs back. Plus, Louise Redknapp gets some tips from celeb make-up

artist Charlotte Tilbury, and the unregulated world of dermal fillers also comes under the microscope. Like Cher, we may not be able to turn back time, but this show might give you some guidance on looking a few years younger at least.

## Who Do You Think You Are?

**BBC1, 9pm**

In the mid to late 1990s you couldn't move for Minnie Driver projects such as Good Will Hunting and Hard Rain. Now 43, single mum Minnie lives in Los Angeles with her son, Henry, four. Her parents met in 1962 and were together for 13 years. They split when Minnie was six, and during that time her dad was married to somebody else and had another family. She didn't know her parents weren't married until she was 12 or 13. With such 'big gaps' in her family's history, Minnie wants to be able to fill them for her son. Thanks to a book found at a Kent jumble sale, she has a lead to get started on her quest...

**THURSDAY The Field of Blood BBC1, 9pm**

The first series of The Field of

Blood, based on Denise Mina's best-selling books, was a success in 2011, so it's a surprise that it's taken so long for a follow-up to appear. But, as the saying goes, better late than never... Most of the original members cast are back, augmented by Katherine Kelly as Maloney, the tough new editor-in-chief sent to transform the struggling Daily News' fortunes. She could hit pay dirt immediately when Paddy, the focus of the first series who has now landed her dream job in the busy newsroom, and reporter McVie accidentally find a story that turns out to be red hot. Initially it seems to be a fairly standard domestic violence case, until links to kidnap, murder, political conspiracy and police corruption are revealed.

## FRIDAY

**Celebrity MasterChef BBC1, 8.30pm**

ITV's Ade in Britain, a charming mix of travelogue and cookery sketches, proved Adrian Edmondson is one of the best presenters on the box. Of course, cooking in some random part of the UK with his mini stove is one thing. Trolling over a dish trying to impress Gregg Wallace and John Torode is something else altogether. All of which preamble brings us to the latest helping, the second quarter-final. Reigning champion Emma Kennedy, 2011 winner Phil Vickery and 2010 finalist Christine Hamilton are helping judge the contestants' efforts in their final challenge – to prepare a two-course meal. By this stage, Ade could have been shown the door, leaving John Thomson, Phillips Idowu and Denise Black.



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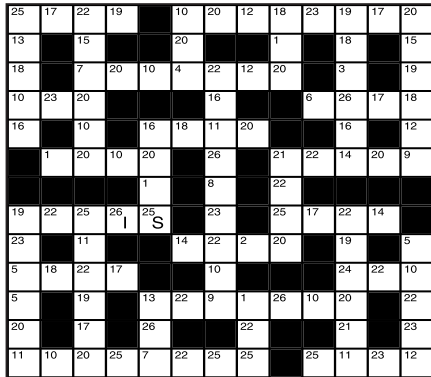
## Puzzler

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## Codeword

Each number in the grid represents a different letter of the alphabet and every letter of the alphabet is used. Use the given letter(s) to the right of the main grid to start you off.



LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
V	C	S	L	K	M	X	W	Q	E	A	J	U
14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
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## Double Crossword

Choose either quick or cryptic clues - both fit the same grid.

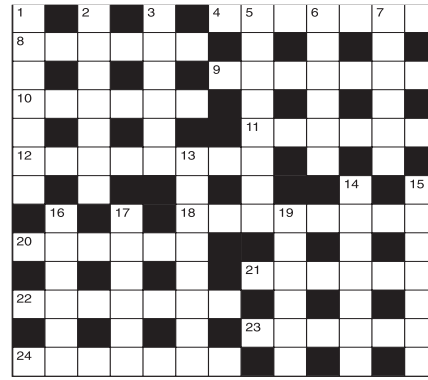
## Cryptic Clues:

## Across

4. Present-day attitude about one kind of tissue (7)  
 8. A stretcher that's left lying about (6)  
 9. How the horse-man makes a street journey (7)  
 10. Innumerable forgotten relations are! (6)  
 11. The private soldier shows acrimony, we hear (6)  
 12. Ironmongery, and what it will stand, by the sound of it (8)  
 18. Wholesale slaughter - that's a service measure (8)  
 20. Gas tube twisted round an insertion (6)  
 21. A talker - but he's usually shut up! (6)  
 22. Endless mad rush created an impression (7)  
 23. He is third, but I am first (6)  
 24. Provide a new suit of clothes as compensation (7)

## Down

1. More than one detective hustles all over the place (7)  
 2. Monumental figure having right physical height (7)  
 3 & 17 Dn. Appropriate implement a coward may use to strike a bird! (12)  
 5. I'd returned to emphasise the misfortune (8)  
 6. Closely studying Post Office telephone call (6)  
 7. Gloomy study to have a depressing effect (6)  
 13. The same term for electrical accessories (8)  
 14. She works at playtime (7)  
 15. Declining a musical adaptation (7)  
 16. Part of a period costume to create a commotion (6)  
 17. See 3 Down  
 19. They have a variety of means for going round the East (6)  
 21. Wrench (6)  
 22. Broadcast (7)  
 23. Accent (6)  
 24. Relies (7)



## Quick Clues:

## Across

4. Allure (7)  
 8. Required (6)  
 9. Projectile (7)  
 10. Look at (6)  
 11. Really (6)  
 12. Stimulating (8)  
 18. Left to choice (8)  
 20. Drive forward (6)  
 21. Wrench (6)  
 22. Broadcast (7)  
 23. Accent (6)  
 24. Relies (7)

## Down

1. Disrobe (7)  
 2. Marine bird (7)  
 3. Dread (6)  
 5. Dusk (8)  
 6. Dwell (6)  
 7. Visitor (6)  
 13. Solitary (8)  
 14. Increase (7)  
 15. Slim (7)  
 16. Decorated (6)  
 17. Elf (6)  
 19. Communicate (6)

## Sudoku

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Fill in the grid below so that every column, every row and each of the 3x3 boxes contains all the digits from 1 to 9.

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS &gt;

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LAST WEEK'S CROSSWORD SOLUTIONS: CRYPTIC - Across: 1 Roof-gardens; 9 Owl; 10 Avalanche; 11 Ascot; 13 Twin-set; 14 Hangar; 16 Assist; 18 Trodden; 19 Royal; 20 Sure thing; 21 Hoe; 22 Merry widows. Down: 2 Oil; 3 Feast; 4 Awaits; 5 Diaries; 6 Necessity; 7 Parachutist; 8 Teetotaler; 12 Concourse; 15 Auditor; 17 On view; 19 Rigid; 21 Hew. QUICK - Across: 1 Predecessor; 9 Nip; 10 Timepiece; 11 Offer; 13 Imitate; 14 Cynics; 16 Egoist; 18 Ringlet; 19 Tight; 20 Eliminate; 21 Ago; 22 Alternately. Down: 2 Rip; 3 Deter; 4 Commit; 5 Sapling; 6 Operating; 7 Unconcerned; 8 Detestation; 12 Financial; 15 Collide; 17 Attain; 19 Treat; 21 All.



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Set in 12.5 acres of grounds is this Grade II listed home known as Clent House which is near Blakedown village

## A country home with magnificent grounds

A Grade II-listed country property of some 7,600 sq ft and set in magnificent, extensive gardens of around 12.5 acres is for sale with a price tag of just under £1.5 million.

Clent House in Bromsgrove Road, Clent, is close to the villages of Blakedown and Belbroughton, and also with access to the centres of Hagley, Kidderminster, Bromsgrove, Stourbridge and Birmingham.

The house, originally built as stables in 1709, was converted to residential use around 1955 with further late 20th century alterations and additions.

### Beamed

It has an entrance hall, drawing room, sitting room, dining room, kitchen/breakfast room, utility room, rear hall, cloakroom, master bedroom, dressing room, en suite bathroom, three further en suite bedrooms, store/games room, flat with sitting room, dining kitchen, bedroom and bathroom, indoor swimming pool, garden room, triple garage and in-out drive.

On the ground floor the drawing room has timber panelling to the walls and a bespoke fireplace with heavy beamed ceiling, with a multi-aspect sitting room and more formal dining



Part of the extensive grounds include an enclosed pond and woodland area

room with carved Adam style fireplace.

A comprehensive range of lime oak style wall and floor units with two-oven Aga in the breakfast kitchen are complemented by timber panelling to one wall.

On the first floor bedroom one has an en suite bathroom and its own private balcony, with the master suite having a dressing room and bathroom, with two further en suite bedrooms.

To the rear of the house stands the indoor swimming pool and garden

room with numerous French and patio doors.

A long sweeping driveway leads through electronically operated gates through the spectacular gardens and grounds which include a large stocked pond and woodland areas, three large greenhouses, rose garden and orchard.

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## Exposed Elizabethan timbers

SITUATED in one of Wolverhampton's most sought-after locations and on the fringe of open countryside, this Grade II listed cottage is on the market priced at £295,000.

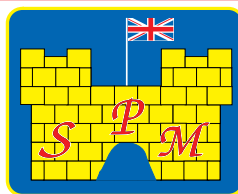
Dating back to around 1580, Walnut Tree Cottage in Lower Penn has a wealth of exposed Elizabethan timbers and is set within private gardens which have been professionally landscaped.

The property briefly comprises reception hall, sitting room with imposing inglenook fireplace, separate dining room/third bedroom, farmhouse style kitchen, study, downstairs bathroom with free standing bath and claw bath, heavily exposed timber walls and ceilings, leaded windows with oak casements, LPG central heating, two first floor double bedrooms - master en suite - and stand-alone large oak framed barn with first floor hobby room/office.

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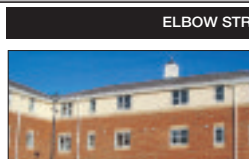
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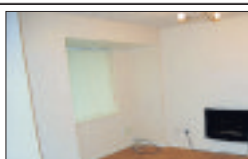
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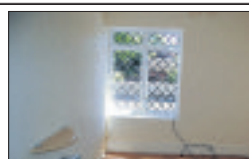
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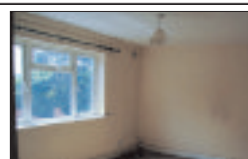
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# Motoring

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## Plenty of style with ADAM that's full of gizmos

**Drive time**  
with Graham Breeze



**IF YOU** fall into the style conscious bracket and need a car that offers unprecedented levels of personalisation Vauxhall's new city car ADAM could be up your street.

The all-new ADAM has been getting mixed reviews but it does offer A-segment customers the chance to create a really bespoke option.

And ADAM has scooped the best interior design in a production car award at the Automotive Interiors EXPO 2013, beating stiff competition from the Alfa 4C, Jaguar F-Type, Renault Clio and the new Range Rover.

The tiny lifestyle car offers endless combinations for interior-styling and is Vauxhall's first entrant into a segment which has grown by 30 per cent since 2000.

Personalisation begins with the selection of one of three trim levels - JAM, GLAM and SLAM. The next level of customisation comes with the addition of option packs, and from here the possibilities are endless, with the choice of 12 body colours, 15 seat designs, 20 alloy wheel styles, three printed headliners and no less than 18 interior décor panels.

The little Vauxhall also benefits from much higher levels of technology than in many competitors including IntelliLink, a new infotainment



ADAM goes to the top of the class when it comes to stylish looks

ment system which integrates the driver's smart phone and makes internet based applications available on the fascia mounted touch screen.

Other features include a new-generation Park Assist that automatically parks the car, a Side Blind Spot Alert and a power steering system including a 'light touch' CITY mode.

The ADAM gets top marks for appearance and gizmo packs but looks don't mean everything and the ride is too firm, handling isn't

assured and while the driving position is good, with loads of adjustment, you wouldn't want to travel far as a rear seat passenger.

Boot space is also poor and get nowhere near the golf club test, would disappoint the busy shopper and compares badly against the opposition. Steering on the GLAM 1.4i on test was responsive at low speeds but there was a bit too much rear-end twitching in bends for my liking and low gearing meant plenty of noise at high speed. All ADAMS come with stability control



The distinctive ADAM badge stands out



Vauxhall's city car is packed with gadgets and gizmos

and six airbags, two in the front, two at the side and a pair of curtain 'bags, ESP and ABS.

You get air-con, Bluetooth, a DAB radio as standard, steering wheel mounted audio controls, cruise control and trip computer.

The on-the-road price of the test model was £13,270 but IntelliLinks costs an extra £275, paintwork £250, leather pack £900, 17inch alloy wheels £400, a multi-coloured interior light pack £125, tyre pressure monitoring £200 and floor mats £50 which pushes the cost up to

£15,470 - a lot of money for such a small car.

A start-stop system helps the ADAM produce 55.4mpg on the combined cycle and you can get 0-62mph in 12.5secs and a top speed of 109mph - though I wouldn't recommend travelling at that speed in this model.

There's probably enough people out there who will be tempted by the individual design aspects of this model to keep Vauxhall happy and the company does need to compete in the A-segment.

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## Motoring

# This red hot Vulcano will cost a cool £3m



The ultra-exclusive Vulcano, a one-off supercar with a one-off price of £3million makes its UK debut in September

### A ONE-off supercar with a £3 million price tag is to make its UK debut in September.

The Vulcano, made by tiny and extremely niche manufacturer Icona, uses an advanced V12 petrol engine with an electric hybrid system to produce as much as 950 horsepower.

Icona claims a top speed of around 216mph for the car, which will go on show at the Salon Prive show within a

'concepts and prototypes' display. Another staggering performance figure for the Vulcano is its sub-nine seconds 0-120mph time, making it faster to that speed than most family hatchbacks are to 60mph.

#### Exclusive

With the chief engineer a certain Claudio Lombardi, formerly of Ferrari, the Vulcano offers a chance to own an ultra-exclusive and incredibly high

performance supercar. Sales Director, David Bagley commented: "Icona is a very exciting new brand and we are delighted that it has chosen Salon Prive for the UK debut of the Vulcano."

"It's a beautiful car and it is going to look fantastic within the Concepts & Prototypes Display."

Tickets for the Salon Prive show can be purchased at [www.salonpriveuk.com](http://www.salonpriveuk.com) or by calling 0808 100 2205.

# Lawson's titanium hips means he has to sell MG raffle prize

A NEW MG TF LE500 worth £16,999 has been won by a Midlands man who spent just £100 on competition entry tickets to win it.

Lawson Jones from Swindon near Dudley bought five tickets at £20 a throw to enter the promotion run by Summit Garage of Himley Road, Dudley. The MG and Perodua dealership also donated £1,000 to Macmillan Cancer Support.

The draw was held at MG Live! at Silverstone. It was carried out by The MG Car Club Chairman, John Day. Mr Jones was immediately telephoned by the promoter, sales director and MG enthusiast John Newey of Summit Garage (Dudley) to tell him about his win. John said: "It's an interesting and unusual because it was the first car that MG produced when they came back to Longbridge."

#### Production

In recent years MG have normally kept hold of the first production model of each range and, in The Visitors Centre at MG Birmingham, have on display the first MGR V8 in Le Mans Green Chassis No. 000251 and the first MGF in Flame Red Chassis No. 000251 and until recently sat alongside them was the MG TF LE500 in Vibrant Orange Chassis No. 000251.

This very special MG has the number 1 of 500 on a plaque between the front seats and is sort of rarity that comes for sale only once in a blue moon.

The history of starting the very first of each new model with chassis No. 000251 goes back to the 1920s, and when MG moved to their new factory in 1929 they even had the telephone number Abingdon 251.

John said that the car was offered up at auction to dealers by MG to the highest bidder 18 months ago. He put



Lawson Jones with the MG TF LE500 that he has had to sell to a friend

in a bid on behalf of the garage and then thought little of it until two weeks later when he was told he had won it. "I thought I would like to keep it but I've already got three MGs."

Then I thought it would be nice to find a way for somebody to own the car without having to outlay a lot of money." Built in 2008 the car had remained brand new and unregistered at The Visitors Centre.

The garage hoped to recoup the cost of it by selling 850 tickets at £20 a head. The competition was promoted on various MG forums and they sold 713 tickets. "It's a good job Mr Jones bought five tickets, because it was his fifth ticket that won!" said John.

"When I rang him up he said 'Straight up? You're sure it's me?'" However he had felt he might win after experiencing a "lucky streak". Winner Lawson said: "I had a funny feeling I would win. That's why I had five entries."

Yet still he wasn't destined to drive off into the sunset in it! John explained: "I rang him on the Sunday and he came on the Monday and took delivery of it. He sat in it and then said 'I have two Titanium hips. I can't get out of it. I won't be able to keep it'."

However he then immediately sold it to a friend, an MG enthusiast. John added: "It's nice that it's found a new home and that the new owner is an MG enthusiast!"

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# **Motoring**



Astonishing fuel consumption figures are revealed from Seat's range of petrol and diesel engines

## **The first estate! – Seat unveils Leon with more luggage space**

**SEAT has released pictures of the first-ever Leon estate, which comes with significantly more luggage space than the hatchback.**

The stunning new Leon ST's 587-litre boot is almost exactly the same volume as the Skoda Octavia hatchback. That also makes it just 23 litres short of the load volume found in the Octavia estate and gives it a new dimension of practicality, especially considering its dual-level floor.

Otherwise, the car is broadly similar to the five-door Leon, albeit with a new, greater range of hi-tech options. Adaptive Cruise Control (ACC), Adaptive

Chassis Control (DCC) and Progressive Steering will all be on the Leon ST's options list, although only for certain trim grades.

The engine choices will be familiar, ranging from the 1.2-litre TSI petrol with 104bhp to the 181bhp 2.0-litre diesel.

### **Recovery**

Every engine will have stop-start and energy recovery systems and even the cheapest petrol engine will be capable of more than 57mpg.

The diesel range starts with a 104bhp 1.6 capable of close to 70mpg – although a final figure has yet to be confirmed. The 2.0-litre diesels, with

148bhp and 181bhp, achieve 68.9mpg and 65.7mpg respectively. Both are in band B for road tax, attracting no charge in the first year and just £20 after that.

Seat has also confirmed that the Leon ST will weigh just 45kg more than the hatchback, thanks to intelligent use of lightweight materials and construction techniques. Seat claims that it's the lightest estate in its class at 1,233kg.

No comment is available on prices yet, with Seat insisting the financial aspects will be confirmed in the coming weeks, but dealers are expecting a hike of around £800 over the five-door hatchback.

## **Central control unit to aid electric-car drivers**

**THINK of Continental and what comes to mind? Tyres, obviously, but what else? Maybe the old advert with the BMW on the rooftop, or maybe football – after all, Continental sponsors a lot of European competitions.**

But when you jump into your car, very few people will have any idea just how much of its internal bits and pieces are actually made by Continental. Braking systems, large colour touch-screen interfaces, stability control units – Continental makes all of them as raw functional units that manufacturers buy in bulk before adapting them to suit their branding, software and fitment specifics.

One of the main areas the company works in is future digital displays for cars, with a major branch looking at systems for electric cars.

Range anxiety is a key obstacle to electric car ownership; that irrational feeling that you might just run out of power before you get to where you're going.

Continental has developed a central control unit as part of an initiative called Simplify your Drive. The unit sits on an electric car's centre console in whatever housing an individual manufacturer wants to give it.

### **Sophisticated**

Essentially it links to all the car's electronic systems and adds a sophisticated new forward-thinking range calculator to really minimise the chances of running out of electricity – or to maximise the car's potential range, depending on your point of view.

Using a route planned into a satellite navigation system, the new Continental system accesses topography and road network data to assess how efficiently the car will be able to make it along the route based on your driving style, so you get a much clearer picture that only changes if your own driving suddenly becomes less efficient.

But that's not where it stops. If there isn't enough electricity to make it to the journey's end, the driver gets a list of options. Do you want to find a charger, return home or simply turn a bundle of energy-sapping electrical systems off? You get this in plenty of time for it to make a significant difference to your range, and there's no doubt it could help avoid a sincerely embarrassing breakdown.

There are different driving profiles within Continental's prototype, with different defaults set. For example there's a City profile where if charge is short, you'll be told and given the option to go back home, where you'll presumably have



The central control unit from Continental

a charging socket. These driving profiles change the way the entire dashboard looks. There are no dials in the traditional sense – but the 12.3in screen can display digital versions if you like. This display unit, in tandem with the one in the centre console, can theoretically display a limitless number of readouts in whatever way an individual manufacturer chooses, just like a TV. In fact, these screens genuinely can display TV.

Slipping off on a tangent for a second, you can even use hand motions to transfer a readout – like the TV – from one screen to another. Not the best idea at 70mph down the M1, but if all you're doing is waiting outside your kids' school at home time, you could catch up on the news – or put a cheeky bit of Wimbledon on.

What Continental has done is to take initially simple concepts and let its engineers' imaginations run wild. The functionality is being developed to the nth degree and it won't be long before these things materialise on cars around the globe, under fancy new names and cleverly disguised as manufacturers' own products.

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## New code is aiming to restore the pride

A NEW Wolves 'code of conduct' aiming to restore respect, success and a sense of pride and unity to Molineux has been brought in.

Head coach Kenny Jackett insists all new signings will be shown around the club's museum, players must not harass officials and his team must entertain the crowd.

Jackett, aged 51, who passed his coaching badges at 24, also revealed how he is like a 'sponge', soaking up every new coaching course he can while he has also taken tips from the world's top rugby players and golfers.

"Any new signings coming in will go into the museum and be shown around so they gain a sense of the history, tradition and pride about this football club," said Jackett.

"Everyone will know quickly what it means to play for this club so they are aware of the responsibility it carries."

Jackett added: "I don't like my players to be around the referee."

## Himley side has signed up Mitchell

HIMLEY Cricket Club has pulled off a coup with the signing of Worcestershire captain Daryl Mitchell.

The 29-year-old, who has scored almost 7,000 first class runs, could now feature for the Stourbridge Road club in the Birmingham Premier League.

Opening batsman Mitchell has been a standout performer for the County in recent years and was handed the captaincy following the 2010 season, when he helped them to promotion.

Himley currently sit seventh in the Birmingham League's top division and have won their last three games, having recovered from a major blip in form which saw them slide towards the drop zone.

Skipper Greg Wright said: "He is only likely to play if Worcestershire have a significant gap in their fixtures or if he needs a bit of form."

"Worcestershire were fine with it. Obviously we would like him to play for us on a Saturday but he may not play at all. But in any case it's a great bit of kudos for the club."

# Players rush to oche for Open contest

HUNDREDS of darts players from the West Midlands are being sought for the inaugural Winmau BDO Open in Wolverhampton.

With the tournament comes the chance to win a big cash prize and the opportunity to progress to two major world event titles.

The event is being staged at the Wolverhampton Sports Arena, which has its own thriving darts community and the facilities to cater for the tournament in Racecourse Road, with an 18-board darts practice centre for players and room for a large audience.

With £3000 prize money on offer

for the event, on Saturday, August 24, it is already attracting interest from all over the Midlands, but Sports Arena owner Dharam Jagpal says they can cater for up to a thousand players.

### Play-off

The winner will be entered into the play-off for the Winmau World Masters, live on TV, along with the 2014 Lakeside world Championship.

The British Darts Organisation and equipment sponsors Winmau, chose the Wolverhampton Sports Arena because of its track record in

### Darts

promoting darts. "Owner Dharam Jagpal should be commended for his unwavering support of darts and its continual growth in the city," said BDO chairman Sue Williams.

Winmau have already sponsored the arena's top class darts centre, used by players in several leagues.

Ian Flack, the company's sales and marketing manager, said: "Dharam's passion and knowledge is 'incredible' and the venue has built up a huge following."

Dharam said: "Wolverhampton is well and truly on the darts map of the UK and we're expecting further growth and rising enthusiasm."

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"This is a great venue, which has been thriving for over a decade and is going from strength to strength. We have a fantastic atmosphere, especially for our own Monday night league."

"This tournament is a golden opportunity for anyone who fancies their chances to shine."

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Tournament information can be obtained from BDO on 02920 811815 or [www.bdodarts.com](http://www.bdodarts.com).

For further information on Wolverhampton Sports Arena call 01902 420827, visit [www.wolverhamptonsportsarena.co.uk](http://www.wolverhamptonsportsarena.co.uk) or e-mail [info@wolverhamptonsportsarena.co.uk](mailto:info@wolverhamptonsportsarena.co.uk)

## Morris is buzzing over deal with Bees

STOURBRIDGE youth team defender Kieran Morris has clinched a one-year professional deal with Brentford.

The 18-year-old England Schoolboy international centre-back has joined the Bees after a successful trial.

Morris captained Dave King's young Glassboys side to the FA Youth Cup second-round proper last season and his performances attracted the interest of the League One club.

King said: "It's fantastic news for Kieran, we are all really pleased for him. He deserves it. He has not gone the usual route and has had to really work hard for it. He is absolutely over the moon."

Morris is a former Shrewsbury Town and Stoke City trainee but has been at Stour for the past two-and-a-half years.

He played for the England Schoolboys in the Centenary Shield Championships earlier this year and made several appearances for the Brentford youth team.

"I think playing for the England Schoolboys really helped him," said King. "It raised his profile and that's when Brentford started looking at him."

## Pottinger backs his Heathens

WILL POTTINGER says his side have enough quality to cope with this weekend's hectic schedule - despite the absence of key reserve Max Clegg.

Heathens go to Buxton for 3pm on Sunday to defend a 16-point lead in the Knock-out Cup before making the dash to Stoke for a 7pm National League match.

They then go to the Isle of Wight next Tuesday in the league - with Pottinger looking for guest replacement to cover for Clegg.

Pottinger said: "It's going to be hard because Max has been such a key rider for us but he had a practice on Sunday and found it too difficult to ride the bike."

"I would rather him have a couple of weeks off and then come back rather than making it worse by trying to come back too soon. I believe we have enough quality to do well and I'm confident we can hold our own with a 16-point cushion."

# Male hopes to deliver knockout in title fight

**DUDLEY** will witness the next contender to the British super featherweight title when Cradley's Chris Male squares up to Coventry's Troy James in an all-Midlands eliminator.

The two former challengers to the English crown will clash over 10 rounds at the Copthorne Hotel on Saturday September 14 with the stakes sky-high for both fighters.

Male retired from the sport in February after losing a shot at the English featherweight title last November. His retirement lasted less than three months.

A warm-up points win over Elemir Rafael later, the punching postman is right back in the mix for domestic honours and, as he will be 31 on fight night, it's a 'must-not-lose' contest.

The same can be said for James, 28, who was out-pointed in an English title tilt at super feather last September.

"Terrifying Troy," like the 'Male Man,' has just one defeat on his pro record and one combatant will have to taste defeat again to decide a challenger to the British champion.

Who holds that title will be decided on August 17 when Welshman Gary Buckland defends against Stephen Smith but there appears to be just as much riding on Male versus James.

Male said: "Becoming a British champion is what I have always wanted. If I can get Troy out the way, I'm one step closer to that goal."

James added: "It's a massive night for me. There will be fireworks and plenty of non-stop action all the

## Former Lion Danny passes on his experience

PLAYERS at Stourbridge Rugby Club were treated to a pre-season training thanks to a former England rugby star.

Forwards from all of the senior sides at Stourbridge enjoyed an extra edge to training as they were put through their paces by ex-England lock Danny Grewcock MBE and then where able to benefit from his experience again with a question and answer session.

Grewcock who represented Coventry, Bath and the British Lions during his illustrious career took time out from his role as academy director at Bath Rugby Club to pass on some of his premiership experience to the players.

The visit was part of his role as an ambassador for National League 2 North sponsors SSE.

Meanwhile the younger members of the club were looking towards the new season. Stourbridge RFU U17-U19 Colts getting ready for the new season.

At this stage of the year training sessions for the Under-17s to 19s Colts are geared towards fitness and fun.

The exercises are delivered by RAF fitness specialists, every Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 7pm alongside the club's senior amateur side, the Stourbridge Lions.

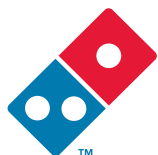
The Lions have recently been promoted to Midlands 2 West (South). The Colts are coached by two experienced RFU certified coaches and play in the recently extended North Midlands' Colts league.

Games are played every Saturday, September to April at Stourton Park where the boys have use of the senior side's training, playing, and physiotherapy facilities.

Stourbridge RFU Colts are recruiting 16 - 18 year olds to join. Contact Jimmy Thorncroft on 07903 074 939.



Danny Grewcock MBE coaches the forwards. Picture Richard Stanley



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## Club sets sail in bid to recruit the young

HIMLEY Hall Sailing Club (HHSC) is hoping to find Britain's next Olympic sailing superstar after signing up to OnBoard, the flagship kids' grassroots scheme run by sailing's national governing body, the RYA.

HHSC is laying down the foundations for local youngsters through the RYA's hugely successful nationwide OnBoard initiative.

The scheme provides low cost sailing and windsurfing opportunities for local school and youth groups, enabling children aged eight to 18 to learn to sail.

Over the past year, HHSC has formed a partnership with Ellowes Hall Sports College, Dudley, with students enjoying Stage 1 and 2 RYA Learn to Sail courses run by the club as part of their after-school activities.

Students from Ellowes Hall have already joined the sailing club off the back of these popular courses.

Any local schools and youth groups interested in getting involved in OnBoard should contact Tom Davenport, RYA Sailing Development Officer for the West Midlands, at [tom.davenport@rya.org.uk](mailto:tom.davenport@rya.org.uk) or Andy Degge, Himley Hall OnBoard Co-ordinator, at [andydegge@aol.com](mailto:andydegge@aol.com).

For more information about Himley Hall Sailing Club visit [www.himley-hallsc.org.uk](http://www.himley-hallsc.org.uk)

## Run is sent wrong way

MEMBERS of Stourbridge Running Club were given short measure after being sent the wrong way in a memorial run.

The runners were taking part in Danny's Dash in memory of Danny Horton, a local man who died from a brain tumour aged 36 in 2010 and proceeds went to Brain Tumour Research.

It was supposed to be eight miles long but a marshal sent most of the runners the wrong way and they ended up doing just five.

However, Pete Walters finished 4th for Senior Male Category with a time of 39.52 in the Vet Male Category. Colin Downey finished in 50 mins and Paul Bradley 51.24. The club's runners of the future also took part in the childrens race. Sophie Walters, Lizzie Giles, both aged four and Freddie Giles, three all took part in and picked up a goodie bag.

## Yeltz ladies continue their run of victories



Sophie Richards, right, on the ball

THE Yeltz ladies continued their winning ways with a good solid performance against Sandwell ladies.

Halesowen started with five players never playing together before and at the beginning it looked like the whole team hadn't played together.

However, as time went on Halesowen were the first to relax and play better football. Captain Dani Reade and Jo Butler had to play centre backs as no defenders were available.

Chloe Harris and Lauren Affron made some good runs forward but some quality saves by the Sandwell keeper made it frustrating for the visitors. Sarah Hamill the midfield

### Sandwell 0 Halesowen 5

general was controlling the midfield and the dead lock was broken 20 minutes in when Rachel Letford found Haley Chatters free on the far side of the post leaving a simple tap in for her.

Within two minutes Halesowen were two up when new signing Gemma Moss passed the ball to the awaiting Angie Morley who then volleyed it and it cannoned off the crossbar into the empty net.

Halesowen were starting to find a bit of form as Sophie Richards collected the ball

from the half way line and with an inspirational run went past several players and let fly a shot that flew into the roof of the net.

The second half was more of the same with good early pressure. Another new signing striker Gemma Moss scored the fourth with a low drive passed the unlucky keeper, Chatters made it five with some good work by Richards on the right wing.

Halesowen didn't have it all their own way Sandwell have chances to score especially with a one-on-one with the keeper but Hannah Tromans, but she came off her line quick to make a fantastic save and keep the clean sheet.

# WOLVES TASTE LOSS BUT ARE ON THE UP

**WOLVES might have lost for the first time under Kenny Jackett – but they are on the up.**

That they tasted defeat for the first time in six pre-season friendlies was more down to poor defensive errors ruthlessly punished by a team – who had beaten Bolton and Huddersfield in the previous five days – than being outplayed by a side that finished seventh in La Liga last season.

Wolves led twice through Richard Stearman's fourth-minute header and Leigh Griffiths' fourth goal of pre-season five minutes after the break.

But ball watching for Salva's equaliser on 15 minutes and mistakes by David Davis and Sam Ricketts allowed Cedrick and Matilla in the 55th and 71st minutes respectively to squeeze the Spaniards home.

It's concerning that Wolves haven't kept a clean sheet in pre-season and have leaked seven goals. "But the feeling is they will improve the more they play together and few of the 7,741 crowd will be too bothered about the result."

"It was a good game and a good workout," said new boss Kenny Jackett. "But I couldn't help being slightly disappointed because in the second half there was a win for us and we didn't take the opportunity."

Jackett was disappointed with Wolves' defending for the goals conceded. "There were bad passes for their second and third goals," he admitted. But it's right to pass the ball constructively from the back. So we won't stop doing that but just maybe our selection at times wasn't quite what it should be."

With five days to go to the big kick-off at Preston, Jackett is satisfied with how things are shaping up.

### Wolves 2 Betis 3

"Overall I'm quite pleased with the pre-season period including Saturday," he said.

Bjorn Sigurdarson should have put Wolves ahead after 44 seconds but fired against keeper Sara's legs.

However, they weren't to be denied on four minutes when Stearman nodded home after Danny Bath's assist from a Griffiths corner.

Betis levelled when Salva thundered home from the edge of the area after a square pass from Cedrick.

Griffiths is always on the sniff for goals and he escaped the Betis defence to latch on to Sigurdarson's flick and bury a left-foot shot to put Wolves ahead again before floating a free-kick narrowly over.

But Betis were level when Davis's poor pass was seized upon by the nippy Cedrick and the winger prodded past Ikeme.

If the visitors thought the path was clear to march to victory, they were mistaken however, as David dragged a shot wide and Matt Doherty was inches away.

Wolves were made to pay for their wastefulness when Ricketts's careless punt allowed Matilla to grab the winner.



Leigh Griffiths makes it 2-1 at Molineux to continue his goal-scoring form in pre-season



Bakary Sako gets some time on the pitch



Kenny Jackett with assistant Joe Gallen



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